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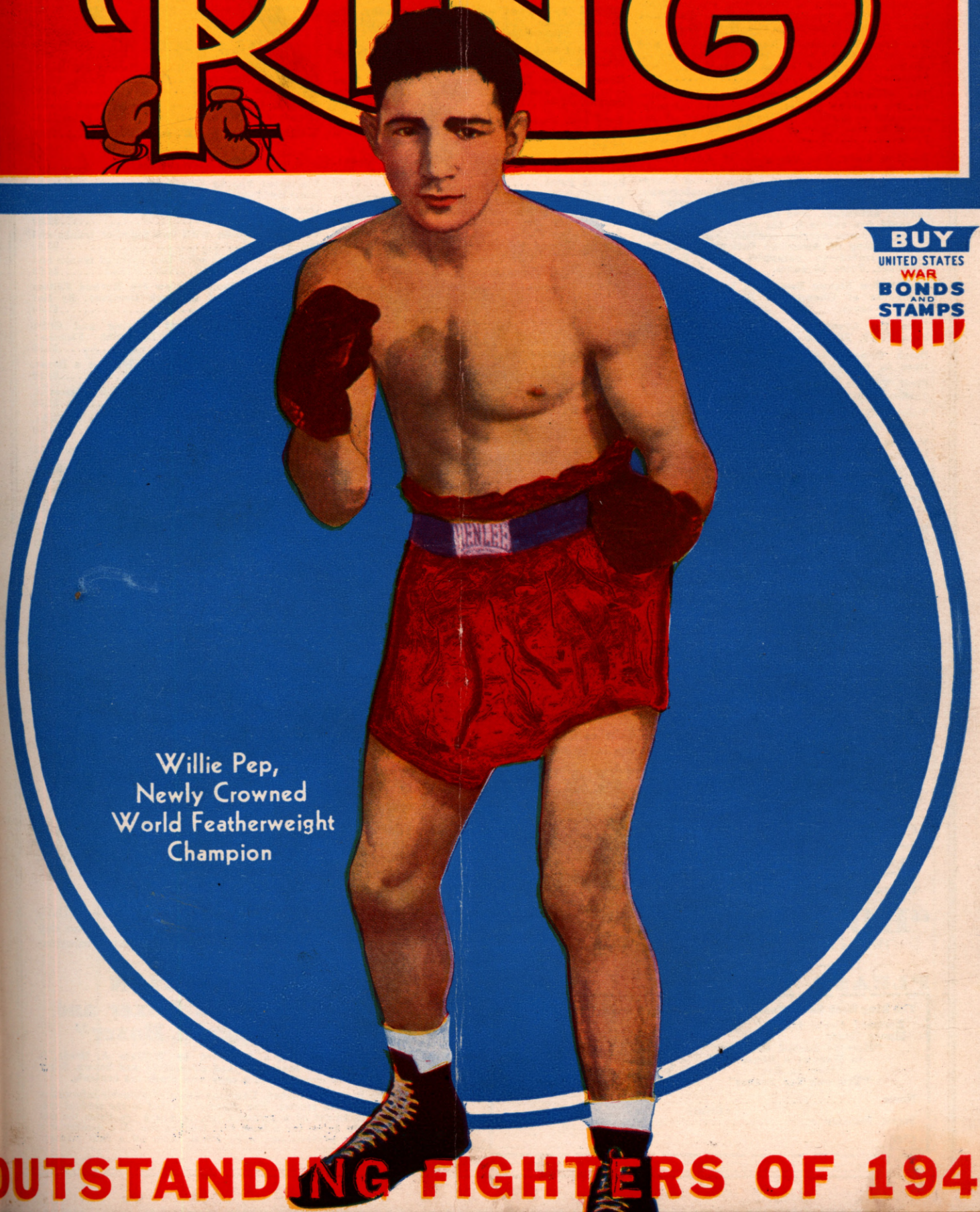

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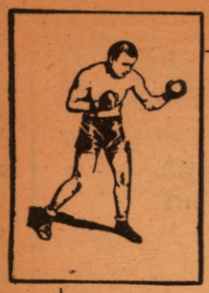

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The draft law affecting boys of 18 and 19 years is now a reality. Lads who turned professionals and have been packing in the clubs around the country, for lack of better talent, are rapidly being sent to the various camps of our armed forces.

What is in store for boxing in 1943? Will the major clubs be forced to shut their doors? Will boxing be abandoned for the duration? You'll find the answer to those queries in Dan Daniel's article, "Boxing's Future."

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Throughout the world, fighting, fistically speaking, has given way to military and mortal combat. Only in the United States, does the sport have the green light on a large scale.

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"Billy Myer Passes On."

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ROBINSON NAMED *The Fighter of the Year*

The Ring's Annual Rankings Feature New York Negro Welterweight, Non-Champion; Service Award to Ross

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

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AS a prelude to the eighteenth annual rankings of the boxers of the world, THE RING Magazine presents Ray Robinson, Negro welterweight from New York, as its Boxer of the Year for 1942.

Selection of Robinson, who is not a champion of record, is most unusual in the long sequence of designations made by this magazine. Among boxing critics, Ray is considered the best man of his weight in the world. But the fact remains that Freddie Cochrane, an instructor in the Navy, stationed at Hawaii, is the official title-holder of the division.

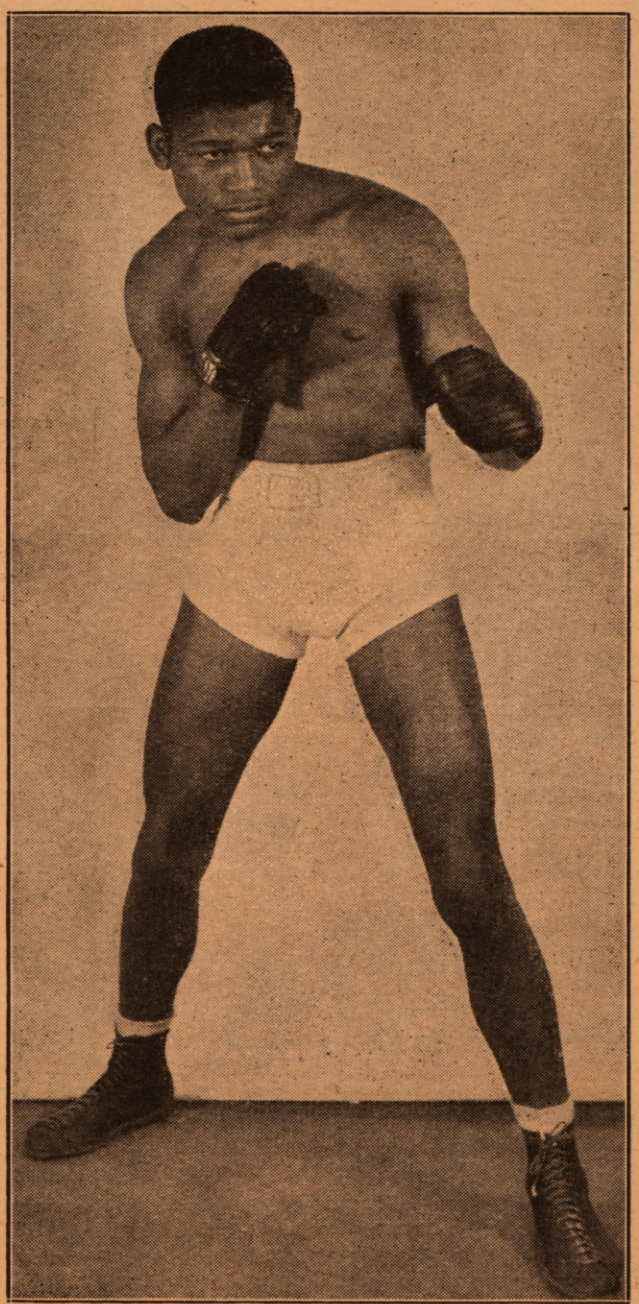
In designating Robinson as the Fighter of the Year in world boxing, THE RING offers no apologies for the choice. However, it will confess, quite frankly, that it is a trifle disappointed.

THE RING had hoped, fervently, that when the time came to select the Fighter of the Year for 1942, that man would be a boxer in the service. Robinson is a civilian.

THE RING had been pulling for a sufficiency of competition among our fistic leaders in the service to enable its board of selectors to honor some boxer who was in the uniform of Uncle Sam.

This is no reflection on Robinson. But there is no gainsaying the fact that had THE RING been able to pick a service man—boxing in the United States would have stood out in a more brilliant light than it does with the nomination of a man who is not in the armed forces. Once again, this casts no aspersion on Robinson.

As a matter of checked fact, there is every reason to believe that soon Robinson also will be in the service. He says he is on his way. But his designation is made on history for 1942—and in 1942 Ray was a civilian. Many more of our top ranking fighters for 1942 will be in the Army in 1943.



Ray Robinson, who is awarded the top spot among 1942 ring warriors.

IF THE RING'S board of selectors, headed by Nat Fleischer, had decided that, in time of war, a man of war just had to get the top designation, it would have named Joe Louis. In 1942 Joe knocked out Buddy Baer and Abe Simon and would have taken on Billy Conn a second time if that match, slated for Army Relief, had not run into incredible difficulties and ultimate and wise cancellation.

If THE RING'S designators had felt that, in picking the Fighter of the Year, they could disregard boxing achievements altogether, and could name a man who had done his fighting where fighting was tough, and where it had counted most, it would have named Barney Ross of Chicago, former lightweight and welterweight champion. His grand achievements at Guadalcanal, as a Marine, have gained widespread recognition.

THE RING is delighted to make a supplementary award to Ross. To Barney it awards the distinction of having done more for boxing this past year than anybody else connected with the game, yes, even more than Ray Robinson or Joe Louis.

THE RING found that Ross of Guadalcanal was the man whose achievements shed the greatest lustre on boxing, the man who was most valuable in the world boxing picture.

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NOW let us get back to Ray Robinson, the champion who is not a champion, yet is our top man.

Why Robinson for the Fighter of the Year? Well, he had fourteen fights this past year. He won all fourteen of them. This record is vastly superior to that of any other boxer in the world though he did not meet such star welters as Jackie Wilson and Cocoa Kid, strong contenders.

Of the fourteen victories achieved by Robinson through 1942, nine were by knockouts, five on points. Here is Robinson's record:

January 16—stopped Fritzie Zivic—ten rounds.
February 20—knocked out Maxie Berger—two rounds.
March 20—knocked out Norman Rubio—seven rounds.
April 17—knocked out Harvey Dubs—six rounds.
April 30—knocked out Dick Banner—two rounds.
May 28—beat Marty Servo—ten rounds.
July 31—beat Sammy Angott, lightweight champion—ten rounds.
August 21—stopped Ruben Shank—two rounds.
August 27—stopped Tony Motisi—one round.
October 2—beat Jacob La Motta—ten rounds.
October 19—beat Izzy Jannazzo—ten rounds.
November 6—beat Vic Dellicurti—ten rounds.
December 1—stopped Izzy Jannazzo—eight rounds.
December 14—stopped Al Nettlow—three rounds.

It is conceivable that in piping times of peace, the Robinson record would not be anything astonishing, but in 1942 it meant a lot.

The number two spot in the Fighter of the Year competition goes to Sergeant Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, who is in the cavalry at Fort Riley, Kans.

Third—Willie Pep from Hartford, Conn., who signalized his 1942 achievements by taking the featherweight title from Chalky Wright.

Fourth—Henry Armstrong, whose amazing comeback has added to the lustre of his own ring record, and helped to maintain interest in boxing.

Fifth—Jimmy Bivins, who toward the close of the year eliminated Lee Savold from the heavyweight situation, and lost only one bout, to Bob Pastor, whom he later whipped.

Sixth—Tami Mauriello, whose climb through 1942 was stopped only by Bivins and who scored sensational victories over Savold and Nova. Tami made great progress in gaining a contender's post.

Seventh—Melio Bettina, who started his heavyweight campaign against Herbie Katz on February 21, 1941, and rolled up thirteen straight victories before joining the Army.

Barney Ross, whose feat at Guadalcanal earned for him THE RING *Merit Award, a silver and gold medal, as the man whose achievements shed the greatest lustre on boxing, the man who was the most valuable in the world boxing picture in 1942.*

Eighth—Ezzard Charles, heavy middleweight, whose record establishes him as one of the most effective boxers of 1942, an outstanding figure.

Ninth—Manuel Ortiz, who took the bantamweight championship from Lou Salica.

Tenth — Bob Pastor, who though beaten in 1942 by Bivins, also won from that boxer previously and after his defeat announced his retirement from the ring for the duration, and went into war work at General Electric.

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BEFORE going into the detailed task of ranking the boxers, let us point out that, at this writing, with more going every day, there are twenty-seven scrappers who either hold titles, or have held championships, in the armed forces of the United States. This war has seen the American boxer turn out for Uncle Sam as never before.

Remember, please—not with any elation—that no champion in the U. S. A. had gone into a war until Mike O'Dowd, then middleweight king, went into World War I.

The weight of the war is felt at every turn in this ranking of the boxers. The loss in manpower has been terrific and 1942 will see the ranks of the boxers further depleted by calls to the service. THE RING glories in the boxers' response, and in the position which the sport holds in the combat lines, and in Army forts and Navy stations and Air concentrations in the United States.

Another year may find civilian boxing reduced to a mere fragment. But the boxers will be doing their jobs where tough jobs are to be done.

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NEVER has the annual task of rating the boxers of the world, since THE RING, with Tex Rickard as the selector, started the practice in 1925, been what anybody might call even a remote approach to a sinecure. This time the job is about as involved and intricate as any of its kind in the history of the sport.

Let it be understood, please, that these annual rankings are based on actual work done for the past year, on real achievement—not on what a fighter accomplished in 1941. Let it also be made clear that the ratings are not mere impressions, or forecasts for the next year. If this be appreciated fully, the reader reaction will be far more in accord with the views of THE RING than it otherwise would be. When our ratings were made, the record of each fighter was right in front of us. We examined 2100 cards.

The year 1942 was the first full twelve months of of the United States in this second global war. Its developments in boxing may be appreciated when we tell you that the most important work championships, in the four heaviest divisions, are frozen becaus

their holders are in the service.

Joe Louis, heavyweight king, is in the Army.

Gus Lesnevich, recognized leader of the light-heavyweights, is in the Coast Guard.

Tony Zale, champion of the middleweights, is in the Navy at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Freddie Cochrane, the welter title holder, also is in the Navy, in Hawaii.

This arrangement leaves only the flyweight, bantam, feather and lightweight championships in competition among civilians. There is no telling how many of these also will be frozen by the time this edition of The Ring Magazine is circulated around the civilized remnants of the world in flames.

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AFTER having weighed the claims of every boxer in 1942 competition wherever such competition yet existed—and that meant going over the records of no fewer than 2,100 boxers, with checking and cross-checking — The Ring presents these rankings in the number one spots of the various divisions:

Joe Louis, who holds down Spot No. 2 in the Fighter of the Year competition.

Heavyweight—Joe Louis
Light-heavyweight—Jimmy Bivins
Middleweight—Tony Zale
Welterweight—Ray Robinson
Lightweight—Sammy Angott
Featherweight—Willie Pep
Bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz
Flyweight—Peter Kane

Let us compare this list with the list of world champions, which follows:

Heavyweight—Joe Louis
Light-heavyweight—Gus Lesnevich
Middleweight—Tony Zale
Welterweight—Freddie Cochrane
Lightweight—Open, because of the retirement of Sammy Angott
Featherweight—Willie Pep
Bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz
Flyweight—Title vacant

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YOU will note that we have two boxers, both in the service, each a champion of the world, who have failed to establish records throughout 1942 which would place them number one in their divisions. They are Lesnevich and Cochrane. The war made it impossible for them to train and to compete against their rivals in a manner that would have enabled them to protect their standing.

The list of champions may need some explanation. In the lightweight class, with Angott retired, we now face an elimination tournament. The N.B.A. will conduct a tournament. The New York Commission has made its own ruling that the winner of the Beau Jack-Tippy Larkin fight is the world title holder, but this will fall on deaf ears in international boxing circles.

The Ring recognizes Pep as the featherweight champion, because he is all of that. The N. B. A. contention that Jackie Wilson is the leader is founded on a series of fallacies. It had refused to recognize Wright, so it refuses to concede Pep's right to the laurels. A lot of hokum. Pep is the champ.

In the bantamweight section, The Ring recognizes Manuel Ortiz, and any elimination as ordered by the New York Commission will not change Ortiz's status. It will merely bring on new contenders.

The world's flyweight championship is open and lies between two Britons —Jackie Paterson and Peter Kane. This is the only world title in which an American is not the holder, or not the standout contender. Kane is by far the classiest flyweight in the world.

* * *

THE year 1942 saw two of those titles change hands. Ortiz took the bantam championship from Salica, and Pep dethroned the veteran Wright.

There was no boxing of note outside the United States throughout 1942. In this country, competition was curtailed everywhere; in many spots it had to be abandoned. In England the outstanding fight was between Freddie Mills and Len Harvey with Len knocked out.

What would have been the standout fight of the year—between Louis and Conn in New York—had to be abandoned because of various misunderstandings. Out of these developed a resolve by the service to keep uniformed men out of commercial competition. This decision was a fine one, even if it did hurt the year's boxing record.

The Ring makes its bow to the boxers of the United Nations who are in the armed forces. When this is all over, and they come home to their old jobs, they will find a freer world and a better one, and a tremendous call for fistic talent.

Among the highlights of the year were:

The donation to Army and Navy Relief by Joe Louis of $83,246.94 from the fights with Buddy Baer and Abe Simon.

The winning streak of Willie Pep, who rolled up twenty-three victories, bringing his record for consecutive triumphs to fifty-five.

The marvelous record of the new feather king who won a world championship without having at any time in his career having lost a fight, fought a draw, a no-decision contest or lost on a foul.

The year's greatest disappointment was Lem Franklin who was shunted out of the heavyweight picture.

The great activity for the year goes to Pete Manchio, New York lightweight, who engaged in thirty-five bouts.

The setting of an indoor record for a featherweight championship fight—$71,868.70—in the Pep-Wright battle in Madison Square Garden.

The year was marked by the complete shutdown of boxing in eleven states.

Louis, Zale, Only 1941 Leaders Still Tops

Heavyweight and Middleweight Champions Alone Keep No. 1 Places in The Ring Ratings — War Chief Reason

By NAT FLEISCHER

THE eighteenth annual ranking of the boxers of the world, on work done in 1942, presents this list of No. 1 men:—

Heavyweight—Joe Louis, Detroit.
Light Heavyweight—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland.
Middleweight—Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana.
Welterweight—Ray Robinson, New York.
Lightweight—Sammy Angott, Pittsburgh.
Featherweight—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
Bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles.
Flyweight—Peter Kane, Scotland.

It is most interesting to refer back to the ratings for 1941, which showed these leaders:—

Heavyweight — Joe Louis, Detroit.

Light heavyweight — Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N. J.

Middleweight — Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana.

Welterweight — Freddie Cochrane, Elizabeth, N. J.

Lightweight — Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia.

Featherweight—Chalky Wright, Los Angeles.

Bantamweight — Kui Kong Young, Hawaii.

Flyweight—Jackie Paterson, Scotland.

Comparing list with list, the reader will find that of the eight No. 1 men for 1941, the only boxers who were able to hold those top positions through 1942 were Joe Louis and Tony Zale, the last named, only because he put up a good fight against Billy Conn and the middleweight field had no outstanding fighters during the year.

This high mortality among the standouts of a previous year, of course, is explained easily by the war. With few exceptions the best men in each division are in some branch of the service and under War and Navy Department rulings, their activity in the ring has been considerably curtailed. Thus, civilian fighters who have had the opportunity to take part in frequent competition have forged to the front because of such activity, while champions like Gus Lesnevich and Freddie Cochrane, kept on the sidelines through their war work, their titles still their property but frozen for the duration, had to relinquish their high posts to those who had rolled up a far better boxing record during the year.

In making the 1942 ratings, THE RING staff, under my direction, went over the records of about 2,100 boxers from England, Canada, Central and South America and this country. I pride myself on the fact that it was a careful job, and I take commensurate pride in the result of our work. It was an arduous task and the results we reached, I feel confident, will meet with general public approval. Unlike previous years, when we enlisted the services of sports writers in all parts of the world to aid us in the ranking, this year the rating is all our own — that of THE RING staff.

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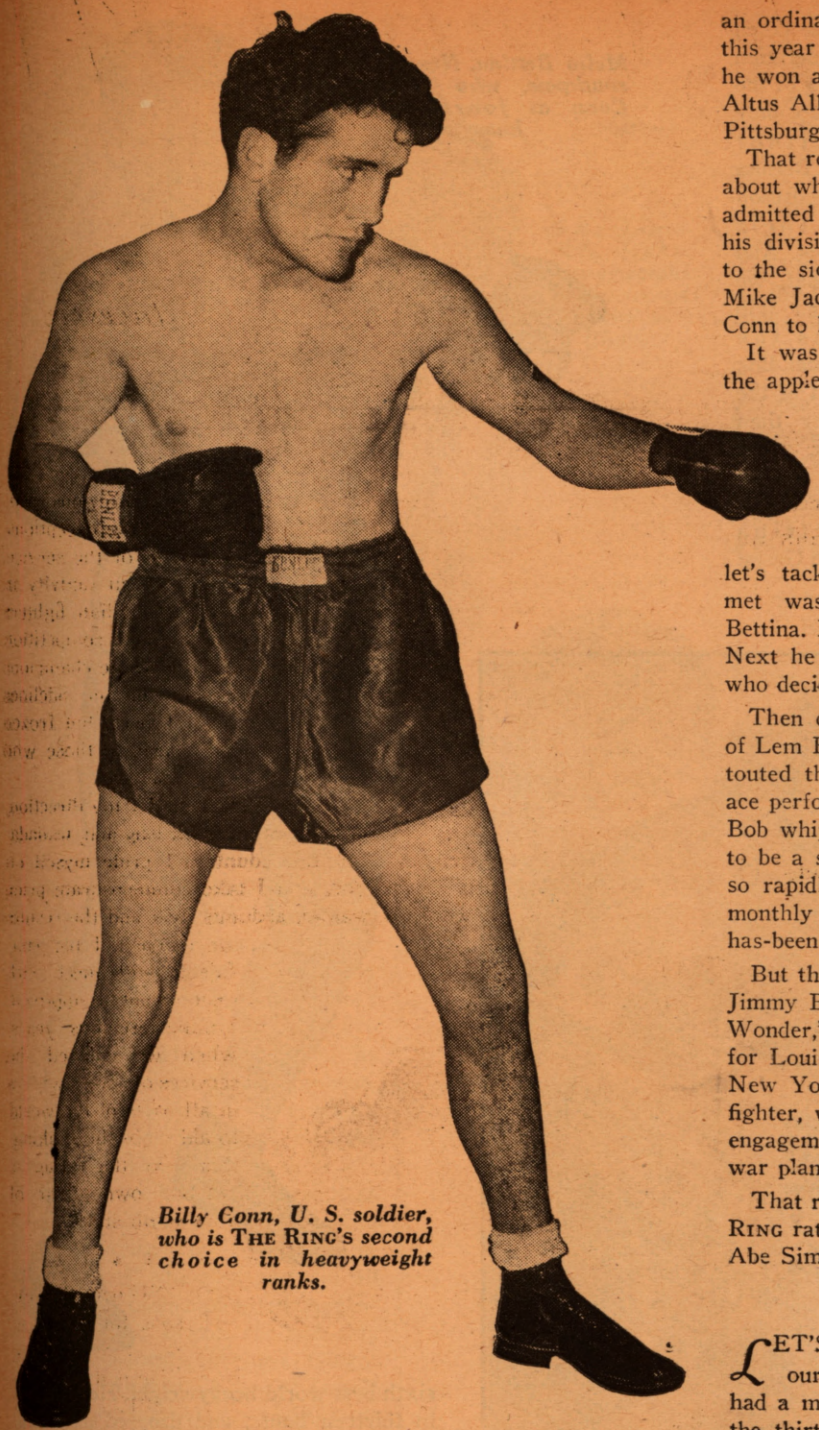
GOING over the reasons for the rankings, we start with Joe Louis. He had two contests in 1942. He stopped Buddy Baer most conclusively and emphatically in one round. And he knocked out Abe Simon in the sixth.

Now, belting out Buddy and Abe was not a tremendous show of power. But they were the best available at the time, and in still another year Louis did everything asked of him in the championship manner.

However, nobody is likely to dispute Joe's top rating. He went into 1942 the standout boxer and he came out of 1942 still the No. 1 man.

Following him, the field, like that of the previous year, is a mediocre one, with less than a handful of outstanding talent available.

Bob Pastor, who recently retired, rated world's outstanding contender in heavyweight ranks.



Billy Conn, U. S. soldier, who is THE RING'S *second choice in heavyweight ranks.*

Going through a list of about 100 heavyweights, we find few new faces. Practically the same batch that held the spotlight in 1941 confronts us this year, except that four of the top men were unable to complete the programs which they had mapped out for themselves because of the war, and the fifth quit when traveling better than in several years, to become a war defense worker.

As for the remainder of the first twenty listed, they are still out of uniform and have been able, as a result, to carry on. But most of them will soon be in. Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Melio Bettina and Pat Valentino are the ones whose careers were temporarily halted because they are in the Army, and Bob Pastor gave up boxing to help Uncle Sam's defense workers.

With Louis in a class by himself, we come to the ranking of the three next best fighters of the year in their division—the trio above named. Of the three, Bob Pastor engaged in the greatest number of contests—seven—with Bettina next with five, and Conn with three.

Bettina, who started a winning streak against heavyweights the previous year, continued his unbroken string in 1942, but the calibre of his opposition was weak. He scored over Mose Brown, an ordinary heavy middleweight, who lost four of his six bouts this year; Gus Dorazio, an ordinary heavyweight, against whom he won a split decision; Booker Beckwith, a light-heavyweight; Altus Allen, a fair heavy, and Harry Bobo, a heavy hitter from Pittsburgh, who previously had lost in ten to Dorazio.

That record, though a clean slate for the year, presents nothing about which to boast, yet in all fairness to Bettina, it must be admitted that he tried hard enough to get the topnotchers in his division to fight him, but without success. He was shunted to the sidelines to make certain that he wouldn't interfere with Mike Jacobs' program, which called for Bob Pastor and Billy Conn to headline his championship shows.

It was feared that Bettina, an awkward fighter, might upset the applecart, therefore he had to suffer. He did his best to get Conn and Pastor to fight him for the right to meet Louis, but the respective managers of those men would not listen. Nor would the king of promoters. What might have happened had they clashed is mere conjecture, hence we must go by the records only.

Now that the case of Bettina has been presented, let's tackle that of Pastor. The calibre of the seven men he met was far better than that of the fighters who faced Bettina. First he beat Claudio Villar, a false alarm from Spain. Next he defeated Gus Lesnevich, world light-heavyweight king, who decided to take a fling at the heavyweights.

Then came the year's biggest upset—his sensational knockout of Lem Franklin, who, at the time they clashed in Cleveland, was touted throughout the nation as Louis' successor. That was his ace performance, enough to earn him a high rating. So badly did Bob whip the Negro sensation from Cleveland that Lem ceased to be a sensation any longer. Thenceforth he hit the downgrade so rapidly that, from a place high among the first ten in our monthly ratings on several occasions, he finished the year a has-been.

But that was not all. Bob followed with a decided victory over Jimmy Bivins, another Negro, who was crowned the "Cleveland Wonder," and that placed Pastor in the leading challenger's post for Louis' crown. A draw with Tami Mauriello, fast-developing New York heavy, and a victory over Buddy Scott, an ordinary fighter, was followed by a split decision against him in a return engagement with Bivins. Then Bob quit the ring to enter a war plant.

That record, in my opinion and that of those who aided in THE RING ratings, next to Louis' quick knockouts of Buddy Baer and Abe Simon, rated second best among the heavyweights.

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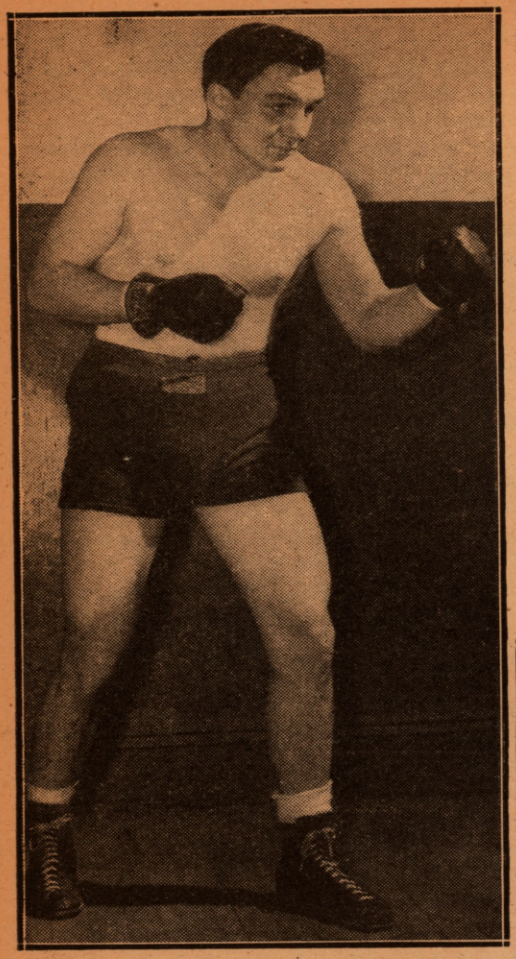
LET'S now take a glance at Billy Conn's record and see why our Pastor choice is justified. Billy, as our readers know, had a margin on points over Louis until he was knocked out in the thirteenth round the previous year, and based on that fine showing, he has been given the ranking challenger's position by experts throughout the country without any thought, apparently, to the accomplishments since then by him and other contenders. In Billy's only three fights in 1942, he beat an ordinary trial horse, Henry Cooper, in ten; then won in ten over Jay D. Turner, who couldn't figure as more than a sparmate for a good fighter, and in his last performance before entering the Army, he defeated Tony Zale, middleweight king, in twelve. Cooper and Turner, you will recall, were both kayoed in subsequent bouts by Tami Mauriello.

Nothing to brag about in that record of Conn's. Pastor and Bettina wanted a crack at Billy, but neither could get it because Conn was being saved for a return engagement with the Brown Bomber, a match that was finally made but never consummated. What might have happened had the contest not been halted by the War Department there is no telling, hence, basing our judgment on his previous showing, we must at least figure that he would have given a good account of himself.

The fact that Conn actually had been matched for the world championship fight and had trained for several weeks for a title



Tami Mauriello of New York, whose fine showing gained for him a high ranking.

bout must be taken into consideration in our rating of the second group, only because neither Conn nor Bettina fought opposition worthy of their high standing. And based on that, we have selected Bob Pastor as the world's outstanding heavyweight of the year other than Joe Louis, with Billy Conn as our Number 2 man and Melio Bettina Number 3 in Group Number 2.

Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland, who leads the light-heavyweights and is the top man in Group No. 3 of heavyweights.

Melio Bettina, New York State southpaw, who follows Billy Conn as fourth best world heavyweight.

FROM that point down the line, the choices are simple. In Group No. 3 we list five names, headed by that of Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland. The others, in order, are Tami Mauriello of New York, Turkey Thompson of Los Angeles, Roscoe Toles of Detroit, and Pat Valentino of San Francisco.

Bivins engaged in eight contests, of which he lost only one, to Bob Pastor, whom he later defeated in a return contest. He scored victories over Billy Soose, Gus Lesnevich, Joey Maxim, Tami Mauriello, Pastor and Lee Savold, all in ten rounds, and knocked out Sergeant Joe Muscato in five. Though a legitimate light-heavyweight, he did almost all of his fighting in the heavier division and is the only man rated in two divisions.

In his home sector he is considered the greatest fighter, excepting Louis, but when he came to New York to fight Savold, he proved a fizzle. In the opinion of THE RING staff, that battle, won by Bivins, must be considered wholly in Bivins' favor because he tried desperately to make a fight of it, but couldn't succeed because his opponent refused to give battle. He is a far better fighter than he showed in New York and earned the place accorded him by the rating board.

Mauriello's loss to Bivins is the only thing that kept him from getting Jimmy's high post. We have honored Tami with the second position in Group No. 3, our sixth best world heavyweight. He engaged in thirteen bouts, and dropped only one. His masterpieces were his performance against Bob Pastor, which earned him a draw, and his defeat of Lee Savold, in which he displayed top fighting qualities. His victory over Lou Nova climaxed a year of exceptional fighting on his part, a year that saw him rise to the heights as a heavyweight.

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TURKEY THOMPSON, next in line, lost only one contest. He dropped a ten-rounder to Pat Valentino in a close battle after having knocked out Pat in nine rounds. He knocked out Ernie Nordman of Las Vegas in three, Gus Dorazio in two, and won from Gus in ten besides scoring a two-round kayo over Henry Cooper, who only a fortnight previously went the limit of ten rounds with our No. 3 man, Billy Conn.

Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight king, rated second to Bivins.

Roscoe Toles and Pat Valentino are our next choices. Like Joe Louis, Conn and Bettina, Valentino is in Uncle Sam's forces, and because of that, he had to curtail his fighting program. He could engage in only three bouts. He started by knocking out Rodie O'Dooley in three rounds and then suffered the nine-round kayo at the hands of Thompson. When he turned the tables on Turkey by beating him in ten rounds in a return bout, he leaped right back into the heavyweight picture.

However, he didn't do as well as did Toles. Roscoe, who journeyed to South America for two contests, found himself stranded and did all of his fistic campaigning in Argentina, Chile and Brazil. He had only three opponents, Arturo Godoy, Chilean champion, Alberto Lovell, South American heavyweight king, and his brother, and of the nine fights staged, he won seven and drew twice. As a result, he has been placed No. 4 in Group No. 3.

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ALTHOUGH there are loads of heavyweights parading around the country, there are less than a dozen who merit high consideration. Of those not already named, Harry Bobo is tops. The Pittsburgh Negro, a hard hitter, leads Group No. 4. He had seven battles and lost two, but faced good opposition. He knocked out Jack Marshall in three, Lem Franklin in one, Bob Smith in two, Claudio Villar in four, and Larry Lane in one, and lost close bouts to Bettina and Gus Dorazio.

Big Boy Brown, cousin of Joe Louis, follows. He has a good record for the year, though his recent victory over Lou Brooks was severely criticized by the experts. His card shows seven bouts with five victories. He drew with Lou Brooks, whom he later beat in fifteen rounds, and lost to Pat Comiskey. As we go to press, he fights Comiskey a rubber match, each having one win.

Lee Savold, an in-and-outer, whose best fight of the year was with Tami Mauriello, and who flopped badly in his bout with Bivins, rates ahead of Brooks, Tony Shucco, Lovell and Godoy, the next four in line. Lee is a good scrapper when he wants to fight, but when he has an off day, there can be none worse. He had twelve fights and lost three—to Musto, Mauriello and Bivins. He stopped Lou Nova in eight rounds.

Brooks had fifteen bouts, of which he lost four and drew in two, with Joey Maxim and Yancey Henry.

Shucco had only two bouts, beating Al Blake and Buddy Walker. He is an excellent fighter, but can't get the leaders to take him on. Lovell and Godoy showed little of merit, but they are the best among a poor lot that follows, which includes Tony Musto, Abe Simon, Buddy Baer and Lou Nova.

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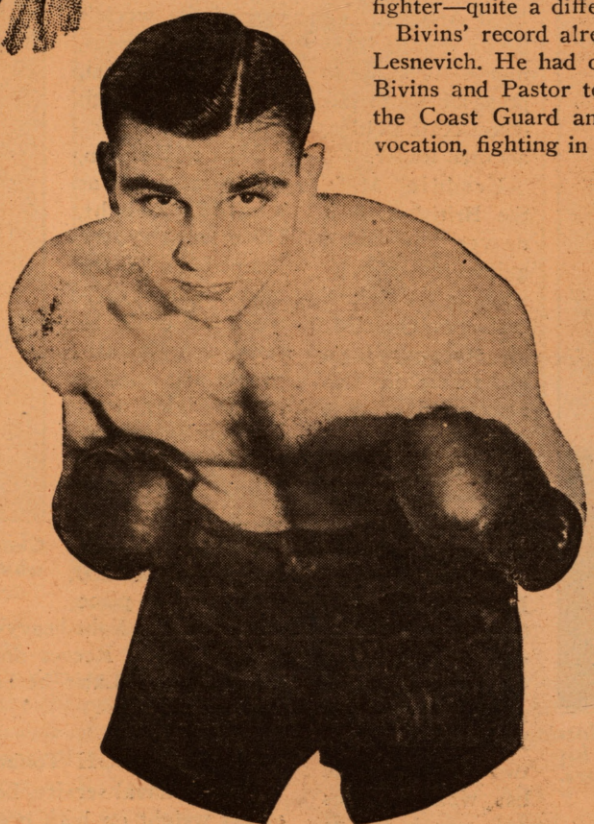
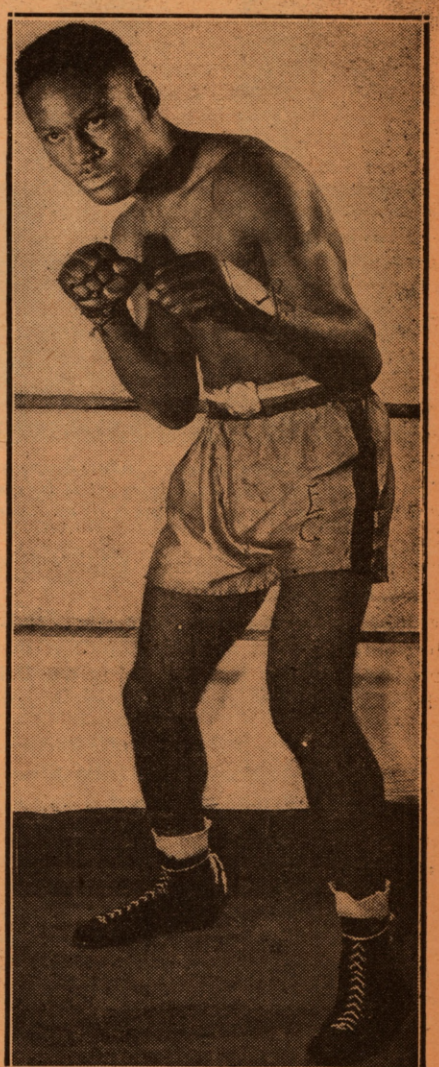
IN the light-heavyweight division, Jimmy Bivins stands out. On his year's performances, including a victory over the champion, he must be given preference over Gus Lesnevich. He is rated tops with Gus in second position in Group No. 1. I disagree with those who argue that because a fighter holds a championship, regardless of his year's work, he is entitled to top position. That doesn't go with our ratings. He is still the champ, but not the best fighter—quite a difference.

Bivins' record already has been listed, so let's pass on to Lesnevich. He had only two fights and was beaten in both. Bivins and Pastor took his measure. The fact that he is in the Coast Guard and has not been able to engage in his vocation, fighting in the ring, must be considered in his ranking, because in the only contests in which he could appear, he picked no soft ones. His opposition was the best.

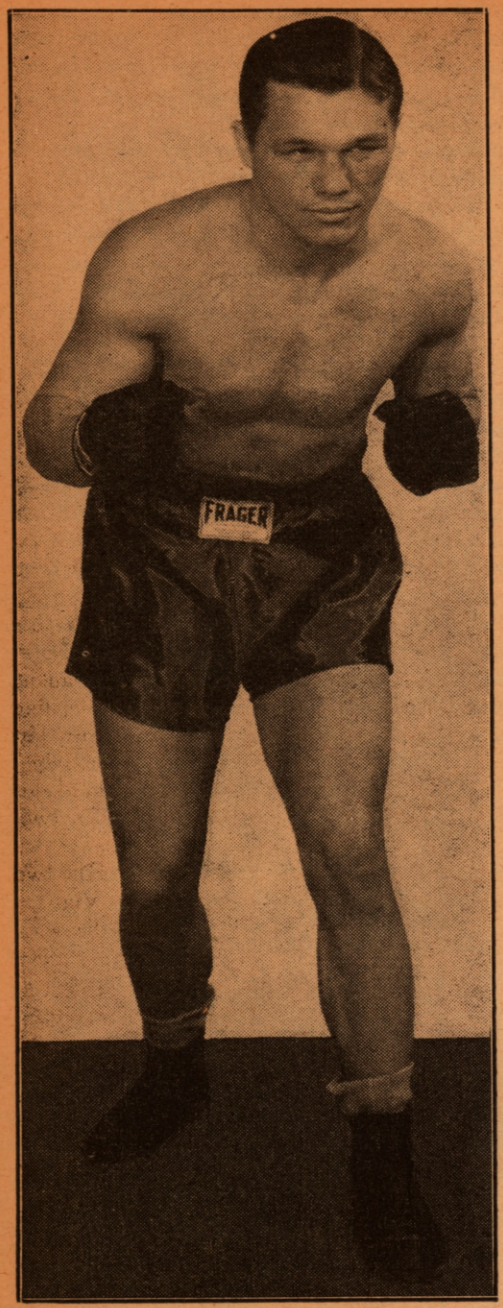


Anton Christoforidis, fourth best light-heavyweight.

Four good fighters are listed in our second group—Ezzard Charles, Anton Christoforidis, Ken Overlin and Freddie Mills of England. Charles, whose weight is slightly above the middleweight limit, like Bivins, preferred to fight in the higher division and made good with a vengeance. Charles fought a dozen times and dropped only one contest, to Kid Tunero of Cuba. He drew with Ken Overlin and



Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati fighter, who is third choice among light-heavyweights.



Tony Zale, Chicago sailor, who, despite loss to Billy Conn and inactivity, still heads his division because of weakness of contenders.

knocked out Christoforidis in three rounds.

As for Christoforidis and Overlin, we need not go into details about them. Ken, now in service in Hawaii, had his career cut short by the war. Prior to his enlistment, he was one of our most active scrappers. This year he fought four times and came through without a defeat. He drew with Wild Bill McDowell, Ezzard Charles and Fred Apostoli, and beat Paulie Mahoney. As we go to press, Christoforidis boxes Nate Bolden, another leader.

Freddie Mills, the Britisher, is a newcomer who gained his spurs by winning the British cruiserweight title by stopping Len Harvey in two rounds. He may not meet with success against our best lads should he get the opportunity, but if we are to take the word of Eddie Borden of The Ring staff, who is in London with the Canadian Army and saw Mills in action on two occasions, he has what it takes to be a top-notch fighter. Eddie's O.K. is good enough for us here in The Ring offices.

Mills knocked out Tom Reddington in nine rounds, Jock McAvoy in one and Al Robinson in one, and because of that record, and the fact that he is the British light-heavy king, we place him as our sixth best boxer in our world light-heavy rating.

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OUR Group No. 3 finds Billy Soose, an old standby, heading the list, despite the fact that he fought only once, with Jimmy Bivins, and dropped that match by a small margin. Billy was among the first to enlist, one of the earliest men in boxing to decide that ring work was secondary to war work, and he is now in Alaska as a specialist in charge of recreation and boxing. He asked for combat duty, as did Fred Apostoli, Overlin, Cochrane and Zale, but those in charge figured that Billy's services were more important in the morale division and gave him that assignment.

I mention this because I disagree thoroughly with those who have been finding fault with the boxers assigned to special duty. Were it up to them, they would like nothing better than to serve where Barney Ross performed his heroic deed. I know, because I have visited camps where our boxers have been stationed and have learned directly from headquarters the truth of the above statement.

Soose, being a classy boxer, no doubt would have had as good a record in 1942 as he had the previous year if he could have engaged in commercial fighting. With his program curtailed, he must be judged on his showing against one of the world's best men, Bivins, and based on that, he gets our high rating.

Nate Bolden, who started out as a middleweight, like Charles, jumped into the next higher division. He could be rated as a middleweight and a light-heavyweight, and were such the case, he would be given a high standing in each. However, since he never fought below 160 pounds, we place him with the light-heavyweights. He fought thirteen times. He lost to Jimmy Reeves and to George Baratka, and drew with Christoforidis. Later he beat Baratka and Reeves.

Georgie Abrams, a sailor at Jacksonville who is the second best world middleweight.

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ALTHOUGH Tommy Tucker had only two fights because of naval service, he engaged one of the best, toughest boys of his weight on both occasions, Tommy Gomez, a heavyweight of note in the Army, and split the verdicts. In the first encounter which I refereed, a very close battle in which there was dissension on the part of Tommy's sailor mates regarding the verdict, I awarded the decision to Gomez at Jacksonville. In a return engagement for a naval fund at the same place, just before Tucker was shipped to a Naval Aviation School, he proved conclusively that he was Gomez's master by knocking him out in the second round. That feat brings him third place in Group No. 3, our ninth best world light-heavyweight, an honor for which he may well feel proud, considering his arduous duties as a naval student.

Although he has a "no contest" with Ron Richards to mar his record, a bout in which the referee insisted that the boys were not trying their best, Alabama Kid, American boxer campaigning in Australia, made a commendable showing. He knocked out Richards in eight rounds, Jack Brander in two, Billy Britt in four, Jack McNamee in six, and Max Raynor in six, a list of victories over good men that should have gained him a higher peg than No. 4 in Group No. 3 except for the blot on his record.

According to word received from two of our Australian contacts men, Richard Bellenger and Harry Stone, old-time U. S. fighters, Alabama Kid has been performing better than any of the light

heavyweights in action in the Antipodes.

Lloyd Marshall, fifth on the list, had seven fights and lost one, to Eddie Booker. He whipped Eddie Pierce and Bandit Romero, stopped Newsboy Millich twice, Al Gilbert and Harvey Massey. His record is slightly better than that of Johnny Colan, our next in line. Johnny was defeated twice by Christoforidis and once by Nate Bolden. The calibre of the opposition he met was far superior to that of his rivals. He drew with Jimmy Webb and knocked him out in two rounds. He beat Altus Allen, Tommy Campanella, Al Boros, Danny Cox twice, and knocked out Jack Marshall and Herbert Marshall. He had his off days, especially when he clashed with Bolden, a few days after which he entered the fighting service of Uncle Sam. He is an excellent fighter and proved his right to his high post.

The next three, Jack Coggins, Booker Beckwith and Johnny "Bandit" Romero, are all good club fighters. The last three do not rate with the rest of the field, but they are far better than those listed below them alphabetically, hence have been honored with a numbered ranking.

Although Romero won the light-heavyweight title of California when he recently scored over Jack Coggins, Romero's knockouts at the hands of Bob Smith in four rounds automatically caused the "Bandit" to be dropped below Coggins, though Smith is a heavyweight. Romero competes in both classes.

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COMING into the middleweight section, we find the poorest talent that division has had in years. With the stars in the service, the competition was such that the few lads who did rate high, threw their lot with the light-heavyweights, in which division they could obtain many more lucrative bouts.

The outstanding fighters, Tony Zale, the champion, and Georgie Abrams, are both in the Navy and because of regulations prohibiting them from engaging in commercial competition, their fighting program was limited to one bout each. Zale faced Billy Conn before entering the service and gave an excellent account of himself in that battle. He didn't get into action again after joining the Navy, and therefore we rate him on that one performance. He proved against Conn that if permitted to take part in other bouts with men in his own division, he would have fared as well as the year before, hence he is placed at the head of his section, with Abrams occupying second place.

Georgie had only one fight, with Steve Mamakos, whom he whipped easily, and Georgie, like Zale, could get no further ring action because of his naval duties. He and Tony are the cream of the division and earned their ratings as the leaders.

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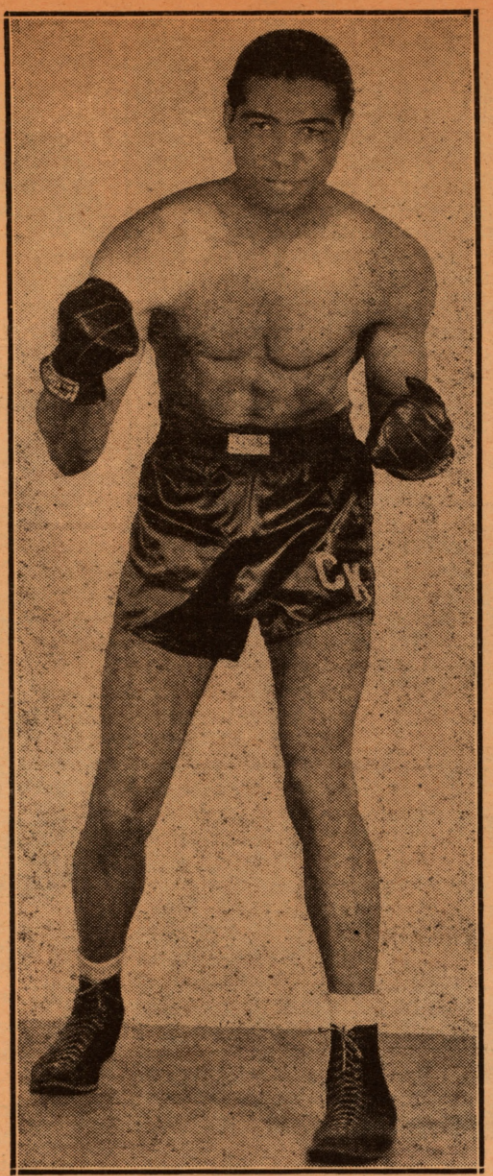
IN our second group, we have named twelve men. These are separated from the first because, though good fighters, they don't measure up to the qualities of Zale and Abrams.

Eddie Booker is our first choice for Group No. 2. He had eight fights and came through without a blemish. Though he drew with Johnny Romero and Archie Moore, he scored four decision victories and two knockouts in the remainder. He won over Castillo Cruz, Izzy Jannazzo, Bobby Birch and Lloyd Marshall, and kayoed Shorty Hogue and Big Boy Hogue.



Cocoa Kid, New Havenite, whose fine record earned him a high post among welters.

Despite the two defeats of Charley Burley by Ezzard Charles, the highly-rated light-heavyweight, and at the hands of Holman Williams, Burley's record stands out compared to that of others who qualify for a rating in class No. 2. He twice defeated Williams in ten rounds, knocked him out in nine rounds and then last October dropped a fifteen-round disputed decision in New Orleans to Williams. Based on that, he proved himself better than Williams.

Ernie Vigh, another service man whose career was temporarily cut short, is our third choice. Ernie had only two fights before entering the service, but in those he whipped two good boys. As in the case of Zale and Abrams, we know the ability of Vigh and, measured on what he had accomplished before induction, his 1942 record would undoubtedly have been one of many victories had not the war interceded. He knocked out Lou Schwartz and beat Coley Welch in 1942.

On ability, Tony Martin of Milwaukee is our choice for fourth place. Tony, like many others, didn't have many fights, but those in which he engaged gave ample proof of his ability. He knocked out Bobby Milsap in five and Welch in two, then drew with Welch in ten.

Welch comes next in order. His two setbacks were at the hands of Vigh, a loss in eight, a close battle all the way, and the kayo by Martin. He won over Howell King and Al Gilbert, and knocked out Henry Chmielewski in eight and Jimmy Young in four.

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THOUGH Fred Apostoli, prior to being shipped to Alaska by the Navy, engaged in four fights in a comeback, his opposition, except for Ken Overlin, wasn't hot. Yet he put up a splendid, thrilling bout with Ken and earned a draw, and, based on that showing against a ranking light-heavy and his victories over Augie Arellano, whom he stopped in five rounds, Joe Mulli, who was halted in one, and Saverio Turiello, whom he whipped in ten by a large margin, he earned sixth post.

Holman Williams is our next choice, despite five defeats in twelve bouts, because he fought top-notchers more often than did Kid Tunero, our eighth selection. Basora is our ninth, and Jacob La Motta follows him.

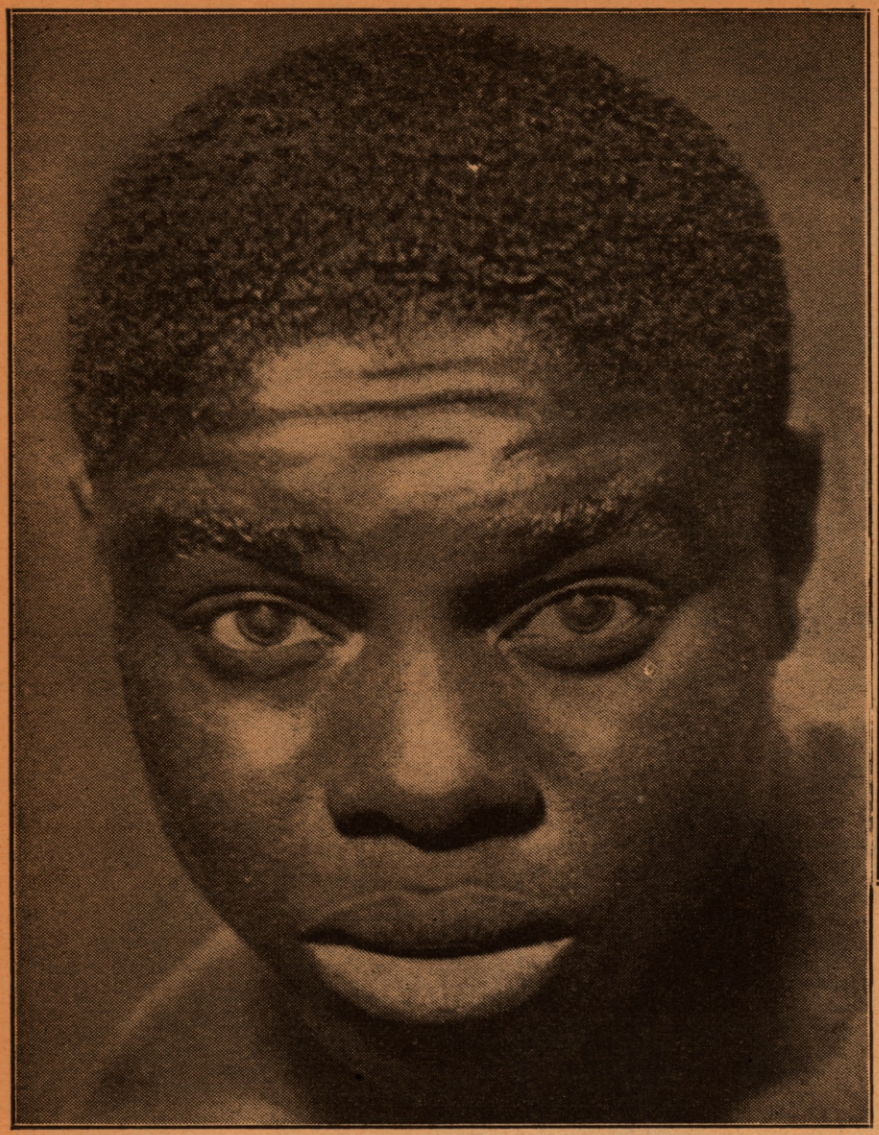
Williams' defeats were against the cream, Burley and Cocoa Kid. He lost three times to Burley and twice to Cocoa Kid, though he beat the Kid once. He won from the tough Basora and twice from Kid Tunero, excellent fighters.

Tunero had only five contests. Though he lost two of them to Williams, both in twelve rounds, he did something no other opponent of Ezzard Charles, the star Cincinnatian, was able to do—defeated him. He also beat Dan Calcagno of Panama, who had previously won a twelve-rounder from Antonio Fernandez by a three-round kayo.

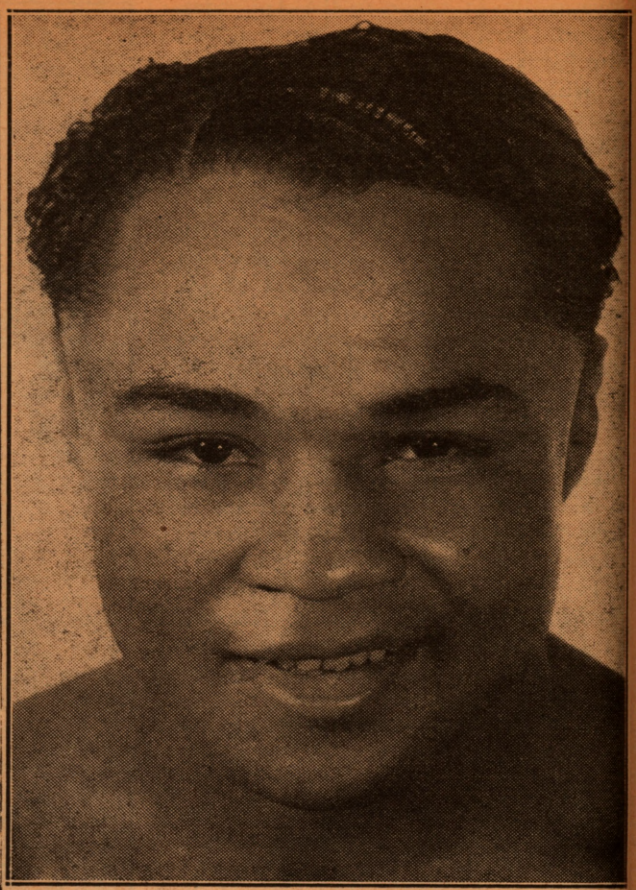
Another lad from a far-off land, Jose Basora of Puerto Rico, is in the same division. The only big setback he suffered was when he decided to tackle Ezzard Charles and was halted in five rounds. Archie Moore, Jacob La Motta, a good club fighter, and Antonio Fernandez wind up the group.

Archie Moore scored five kayo victories during the year. Unfortunately, his bouts were of little national importance except for the draw with Booker.

Group No. 3 is headed by Steve Belloise of the U. S. Navy.



Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles soldier stationed at Mitchel Field, a high ranking welterweight.



Henry Armstrong, whose great comeback gained him the leading contender's position among welters.

IN only two divisions, as already told, were the head men so far in advance in ability over the rest of the field that they are given an honor that goes only to the truly great in boxing—a post all by themselves, the only fighter to be ranked in the leading group. This award goes to Ray Robinson in the welterweight class, as it went to Joe Louis in the heavy.

Though Robinson did not clash with either Jackie Wilson or Cocoa Kid, each of whom had earned a high ranking contender's post, he still engaged in sufficient important contests to make him the outstanding welter, in a class by himself. He engaged in a total of fourteen contests, of which he won all, nine by knockouts. Of course, he picked a couple of soft spots, but with the exception of Cocoa Kid and Wilson, he met the cream of his division. His string of victories totaled forty as a pro.

Robinson's list of bouts includes such names as Fritzie Zivic, Maxie Berger, Norman Rubio, Harvey Dubs, Marty Servo, Sammy Angott, Tony Motisi, Jacob La Motta, Izzy Jannazzo, Al Nettlow and Vic Dellicurti, sturdy performers.

Were it not for the fact that the war is on, Ray would undoubtedly be wearing the world welterweight crown. As things shape up now, however, I doubt that Robinson will ever get the chance to take the title from Freddie Cochrane, a specialist in the Navy at Hawaii. Ray, like Mauriello and several hundred other pugilists, is certain to be drafted before long, in which case the best fistic attraction for 1942 will be lost to Promoter Mike Jacobs. Robinson is single and has made plenty of money, and I understand he'll be inducted shortly after the New Year gets under way.

THE second choice, heading Group No. 2, is that of one of the most beloved of all fighters of recent years, a young man who was the first in the history of pugilism to hold three crowns at one time—Henry Armstrong. Homicide Hank in his comeback attempt has made good so far with a vengeance. Whereas in the past it has been the habit of fighters to arrange contests with washed-up talent to boost their record in such cases, Henry has taken on real opposition. It has been his aim to determine for himself whether he really has the goods or not, and he has proved to his satisfaction and that of Pacific Coast experts that he has now what it takes to succeed against excellent opposition.

He has engaged in fourteen contests and lost one, to the mediocre Ruben Shank, in ten rounds. He followed that reverse with triumphs over first class talent. Scoring knockouts over Joe Ybarra, Aldo Spoldi, Rudolfo Ramirez, Leo Rodak, Earl Turner, Juan Zurita, Lew Jenkins and Saverio Turiello is no mean feat. It brings Hank right up on top as the outstanding challenger for the crown he once held. Whether he can stand the gaff with a talented opponent like Ray Robinson, whom he is eager to meet, is a horse of another color, but he has definitely earned the challenger's post. Ray doesn't want to clash with him.

The record of Jackie Wilson, California welter star, is a worthy one. Jackie, serving at Mitchel Field, has engaged in six contests, two of them as a soldier, one against Bernie Miller, whom he kayoed in eight rounds, and the other with Cocoa Kid, whom he outpointed in ten rounds. He won from Quentin Baby Breese, Ceferino Garcia, Pedro Ortega and Rudolfo Ramirez prior to his induction into the service. He rates under Armstrong.

Behind Wilson, we place Cocoa Kid, an active battler with a good mark. With fifteen contests for the year, he shows a loss of only two fights, to Holman Williams and to Wilson. The Kid took on the best men in his division. Although whipped by Williams, he twice beat Holman in later matches, in fifteen and in six rounds. He lost to Wilson in a split decision.

Campaigning in Panama, where thousands of our soldiers and

Sammy Angott, retired lightweight king, who headed his division on year's record.

pion, Freddie Cochrane, a specialist in the Navy at Hawaii, nor Marty Servo, in the Coast Guard, were able to get in more than two battles during the year. That handicapped each and affected their ranking. They are placed in the second group, but at the end, with Servo taking precedence over the champion. While Servo won one bout, the champ lost both of his contests. Marty almost succeeded in whipping Ray Robinson, while Cochrane took a severe beating from Fritzie Zivic. Under these conditions, we cannot give Freddie a higher ranking than sixth in our world selections.

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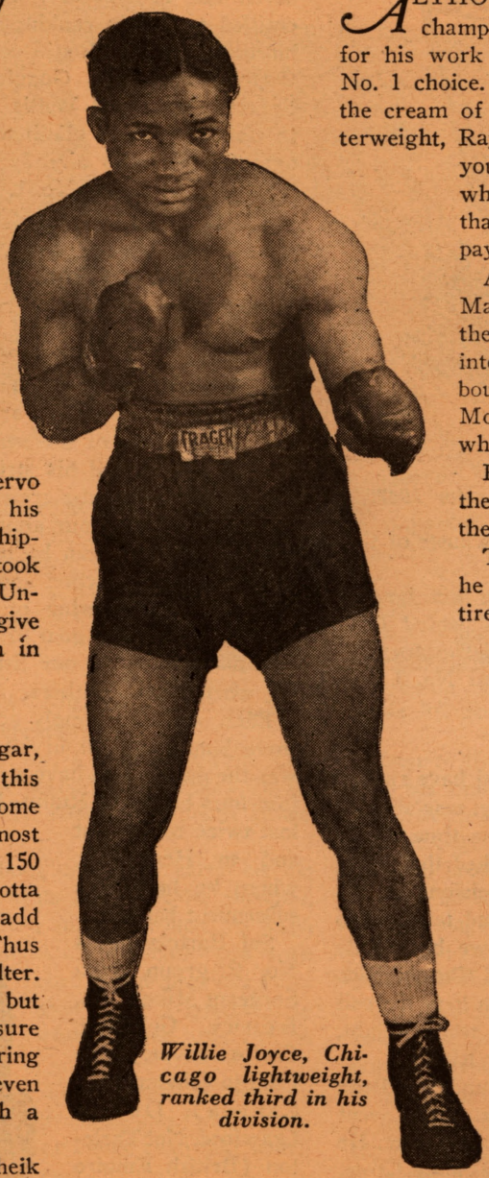
IN Group No. 3 we place Jimmy Edgar, colored lad from Detroit, tops, this despite the fact that he is rated by some experts as a middleweight. Jimmy, in most of his bouts during 1942, scaled under 150 pounds, and for his bout with La Motta in New York, he was forced to add weight in order to scale 149 pounds. Thus for this ranking, we class him as a welter. He lost to La Motta, a middleweight, but made up for that by taking the measure of Tony Motisi, a ranking welter, scoring a one-round kayo. He engaged in eleven bouts and dropped only the tilt with a middleweight.

Earl Turner of Richmond, Va., Sheik Rangel of Fresno, Calif., and Fritzie Zivic complete the group. Rangel had eleven bouts and lost two, one to Turner and the other to Armstrong. He won all the others, and among his victims were Zivic, Cecil Hudson and Jimmy McDaniels.

Turner has a slightly better record and receives the second position. Turner not only whipped Rangel, but also stopped Arizmendi and Garrison, besides winning two out of three bouts from Rudolfo Ramirez. Turner's knockout at the hands of Armstrong as against Rangel's loss in ten rounds to Homicide Hank is offset by Turner's win over Rangel.

sailors are stationed, and where they know a good fighter when they see one, Cocoa Kid defeated Syd Brown, Young Hurtado and Dan Calcagno, the last named one of the best boys developed in Central and South America. He also took into camp Joe Legon, the Cuban champion.

Unfortunately, neither the champ



Willie Joyce, Chicago lightweight, ranked third in his division.

Fritzie Zivic, an outstanding welter for many years, is last in the fourth group. The former champion didn't do so well in 1942. He had plenty of activity, but lost a number of bouts, including a knockout at the hands of Ray Robinson in ten rounds. He lost to the mediocre Ruben Shank, and dropped decisions to Norman Rubio, Henry Armstrong and Sheik Rangel. That ends Group No. 3.

Fourteen fighters are listed in Group No. 4, headed by Danny Kapilow of Brooklyn. Freddie Archer, Mike Kaplan, Young Kid McCoy, a Mitchel Field soldier, who is hampered by Army regulations, Joe Legon of Cuba, Tony Motisi, Izzy Jannazzo, Norman Rubio, Sammy Secreet, Ernie Roderick of England (the welter king of the British Empire), Cosby Linson, Al Lust of Canada, Tony Marteliano and Garvey Young (a Marine) wind up the class.

Because of the many good welters, we have listed two additional groups, based on the year's records, the fifth, headed by Georgie Martin of Boston, and the sixth by Dan Calcagno, Panama welterweight.

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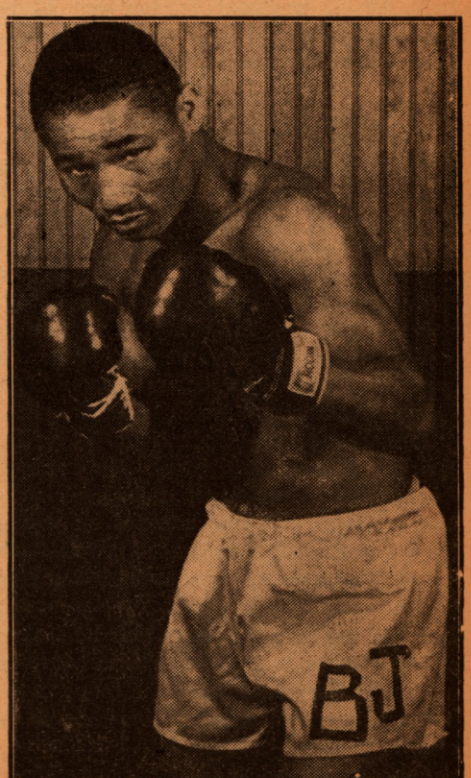
ALTHOUGH Sammy Angott has retired and there is no champion at the head of the division, he receives full credit for his work during the year, and in our ranking remains the No. 1 choice. The only defeat he suffered in five fights against the cream of the world's lightweights and the outstanding welterweight, Ray Robinson, was from the Sugar Baby. Say what you might against the fighting qualities of Sammy, whether you like him or not, he came through and that's all that counts in boxing. That's what the pay-off is made on.

Angott defeated Montgomery in twelve rounds in March, at a time when the fight fans were calling Bob the uncrowned king of the division. Then Sammy took into camp New Jersey's best lightweight in a title bout, Allie Stolz. Another twelve-round victory over Montgomery was followed by his only defeat, after which he whipped Aldo Spoldi in ten.

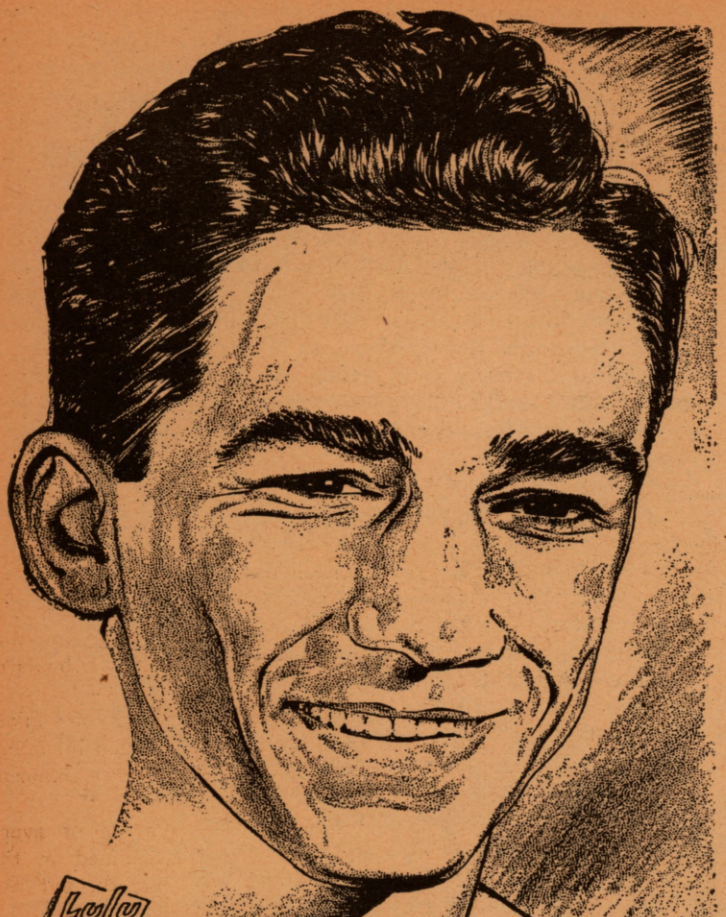
Being the champion, and having a clean slate against the boys in his own division, he stands tops for the year.

The man who is being touted to the skies because he stopped Allie Stolz on the day when Angott retired, Beau Jack, rolled up a convincing record in 1942.



Beau Jack, Georgia lightweight, who showed skill in 1942 campaign.

Although the bout between Beau Jack and Tippy Larkin was designated as a world championship affair by the New York Boxing Commission, THE RING recognizes it only



Lulu Costantino, third best world featherweight for 1942.

as an elimination bout. There is no champion. The winner of that bout, Beau Jack, is our choice.

The record of Willie Joyce, Chicago star, who has been ignored by the New York Board, rates only a few points behind Beau Jack. Willie engaged in fourteen bouts and won every one but that in February against Tony Motisi. He is our No. 3 man. Joyce recently kayoed Leo Rodak.

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HAD not Allie Stolz lost to Beau Jack, he would have ranked tops in our national selection. Although the bout was stopped because of a cut, Beau Jack was in the lead at the time, hence the cut cannot be taken as an excuse. Allie was licked that night and would have finished on the wrong end of the decision.

In our consensus, based wholly on the records and taking into consideration the quality of the men they fought, we have little to choose between Tippy Larkin of New Jersey and Chester Rico of New York. They are about on a par, but Larkin gets the call because of his recent defeat of our high-ranking welterweight, Freddie Archer, and the early victory of Tippy over Rico.

This, despite the knockout of Tippy in three rounds by Beau Jack and Rico's much better showing against Jack. Tippy went through the year up to the Beau Jack battle with a clean slate. He won ten bouts in a row, some of his victims being Tommy Cross, Rico, Leo Rodak, Carmine Fatta and Archer.

Bob Montgomery won seventh place by virtue of his recent victory over Maxie Shapiro, who previously had beaten him. Bob had seven bouts, of which he lost two to Sammy Angott, besides the one to Shapiro. Maxie follows the Philadelphian.

Maxie Shapiro, although he dropped two bouts to Cleo Shans, had a better record than Shans. He clashed with better, tougher men, and that counts a lot in making up an annual rating. It is not wholly the number of victories that are taken into consideration. The manner in which the fight ended, whether close or by a wide margin, whether decisions are split or unanimous, and the strength of the opposition, is what counts considerably in our selections.

Shapiro scored three triumphs over Sal Bartola, beat Nick Castiglione when Nick was going good, beat Harry Teaney when Harry was being touted high, drew with Chester Rico, but only recently lost to Bob Montgomery. That loss cost him seventh place.

Then we come to a Californian, Juan Zurita, who went through the year with an excellent record. Out of ten bouts, he dropped only one, a knockout by Henry Armstrong in two rounds—but who among those who have tackled Hank since he lost to Ruben Shank has not suffered the same fate?

Zurita is followed by Slugger White, a good scrapper from Baltimore. The Slugger, a good crowd pleaser, did well during the year. Out of nine fights, he lost to Rodak and to Willie Joyce, and later turned the tables on Rodak. He also beat Dave Castilloux, Canadian welter king.

Joey Peralta is another who, though he lost several contests, seven out of eighteen, met good opposition, and therefore is entitled to better ranking than others who won more contests but didn't have such stiff competition. Joey lost to Slugger White, Cotton King, Red Guggino, Bob Montgomery, Chester Rico, Santiago Sosa and Willie Joyce. He doesn't fit into the picture in the lightweight elimination tourney because of those defeats against men who already have whipped him, but is deserving of a place in Group No. 1.

The last man in the division is Cleo Shans, who, out of twenty-three bouts, dropped seven. His best victories were over Shapiro. He lost twice to Freddie Archer and was beaten also by Carmine Fatta, Richie Lemos, Terry Young, Carmelo Fenoy and Joey Peralta.

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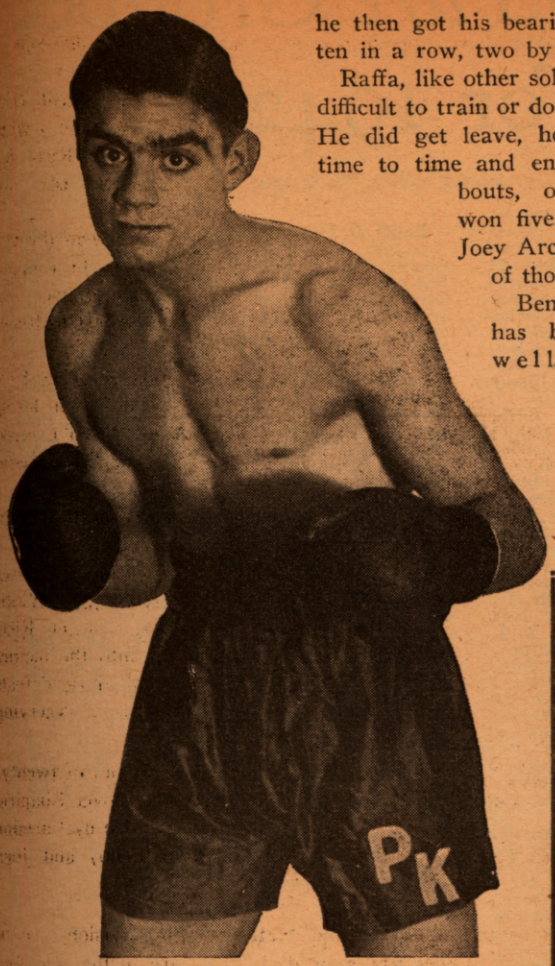
NOW we come down to the featherweight division, one in which the choices are simple, as they are in the next two sections, because of the small number of contestants. Willie Pep when he continued his string of victories to fifty-four, a world record, by taking the crown from Chalky Wright, assured himself of top spot in our annual rankings. He stands out so prominently that there can be no dispute about the choice. The man he conquered is second and Lulu Costantino, who, like Pep, had rolled up a big string of victories but who faltered when he almost reached the goal of his ambition—the winning of a world crown—is third on our list. That trio constitutes Group No. 1 the world's best feathers.

Each was exceedingly active. Pep faced opposition in twenty-three bouts, Wright in fifteen and Lulu in twenty-two, but Pep was the only one to have a clean slate. The man whom he whipped lost four bouts, to Ruffin, Bybee, Stolz and Pep, and Costantino lost twice to Wright and to Hernandez, whom he beat in a subsequent battle.

Sal Bartola heads No. 2 group, with Sergeant Mike Raffa, Benny Goldberg, Carlos Chavez, Jackie Callura (champion of Canada), Davey Crawford, Nel Tarleton (British Empire title holder), Harry Jeffra (former feather king), Leon Haire, Bill Speary and Eddie Miller of Australia comprising the group.

Bartola started off poorly, losing three in a row against Maxie Shapiro, but

Chalky Wright, former feather king, second best fighter in his division.



Peter Kane of England, world's best flyweight.

he then got his bearings and won ten in a row, two by kayoes.

Raffa, like other soldiers, finds it difficult to train or do any fighting. He did get leave, however, from time to time and engaged in six bouts, of which he won five. He stopped Joey Archibald in one of those.

Benny Goldberg has been doing well. His record entitles him to high recognition. He scored seven victories in as many bouts. Raffa gets the call over Goldberg, because, record for record, the Sergeant fought better men and made a more creditable showing despite Raffa's loss to Costantino and Goldberg's clean slate.

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MANUEL ORTIZ, the Los Angeles Mexican, who is the internationally recognized bantam king, tops Group No. 1 in his division. Lou Salica, the former title holder, is our second choice, with David Kui Kong Young of Honolulu in third position, and Jim Brady of Dundee, Scotland, next in line.

Young, because of the war, has been unable to carry on his boxing activity, but in the three contests in which he engaged, he scored a knockout over Nat Corum in nine rounds, a kayo over Adolph Samuels in two, and fought a ten-round draw with Rush Dalma, thus upholding his good record of the previous year.

Brady engaged in eleven bouts and didn't lose a contest. He fought two draws and gained nine victories over the British Empire's best bantams.

Ham Wiloby is our fifth choice. The Long Island lad had ten fights and didn't lose a match. While his opposition was not of the highest except in three cases, it was far better than that which others in the ratings recorded for the year.

Stan Mott of Australia, who finished with a clean slate, takes precedence over Rush Dalma of the Philippines, who fought only twice and scored one victory and one draw. Had Dalma been able to fight more often, he undoubtedly would have finished much higher as the quality of his fighting is well known.

Mott, according to Australian reports, is an excellent battler, with a record of nine victories. The last in this group is Mario Morales, with thirteen fights and five defeats.

Our second group is headed by Kid Zefine of Panama, with Tony Olivera in second place and Leonardo Lopez, third.

Manuel Ortiz, champion bantamweight, who is tops in his division.

AS in past years, there are so few good or even fair flyweights parading around the boxing circuit that it is most difficult to obtain ten names to head our first group. There can be no doubt that the world's best boy in the division is Peter Kane, with another Britisher, Jackie Paterson, trailing him closely, and still another, Joe Curran, occupying third position.

The first American subject to find his way into the ratings is the old standby, Little Dado, the Filipino, whose career has been cut short by the war. As all of the British lads likewise are in the service, that evens the score.

With the exception of Dado and Humberto Espinosa of Cuba, all the outstanding flyweights are of the British Empire. Even in the second group they occupy a conspicuous place.

Kane won all his fights. He engaged in nine and scored five knockouts, including one over Joe Curran in eleven rounds. Paterson had seven and lost one to Frank Bonsor. Jackie broke his hand and had to quit. He scored a two-round kayo over Bonsor in a return engagement.

Curran was active with eleven contests, of which he lost only three.

Dado had only two fights, beating Adolph Samuels and Joho Shiroma, but as his fighting qualities are well known, he receives a high ranking. Sammy Reynolds lost two bouts to Kane.

The ratings listed here are taken from all fights up to and including December 18. Whatever happens later is not considered.

The complete records of every fighter of note mentioned in the ratings will appear in the author's 1942 All-Time Record Book.

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BEFORE closing our ratings, a word on the report of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, of which Mike Jacobs is president and which holds all of its shows in Madison Square Garden. Although this report belongs in the article written by Daniel M. Daniel, it takes its place here because of its late arrival.

Despite the shadow cast on boxing by the war, Jacobs reports that his club, operating with the Garden, had a highly successful year. With twenty-eight shows, all held indoors because of the dimout regulations, the shows grossed $1,111,202 in receipts and paraded boxers before 315,381 persons. The average for the year showed $39,685 in receipts, surpassing by more than $4,000 the 1941 average.

In 1941 twenty-one shows drew 249,891 persons and an aggregate of $735,253. The average was $35,012.

In some of the big cities, like New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Baltimore, where boxing has been carried on fairly regularly, the promoters have found the attendance figures beyond those of the pre-war year, but in most boxing centers, especially in those where war plants are keeping the sports loving public on the go, the clubs have been forced to shut down because of lack of support. Twelve such boxing centers have no boxing for the duration and in New York City, as this is being written, Marty Cohen has thrown up the sponge at both his St. Nicholas and Ridgewood Clubs, two outstanding boxing organizations.

One thing is certain, boxing has been considerably reduced by the war. Only such organizations as are able to yield big percentages to the best box office attractions are able to carry on in the same manner as prior to the sneak Jap attack. Our survey shows that more than fifty per cent of America's fight clubs have closed their doors and the prospect looks gloomy for 1943, with the eighteen-year-old boxers now in harness.

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Grouped *by* "The Ring" for 1942

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Heavyweight Division

(Group 1)

Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.

(Group 2)

1—Bob Pastor, Saratoga Springs, New York.
2—Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3—Melio Bettina, Beacon, New York.

(Group 3)

1—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio.
2—Tami Mauriello, New York, N. Y.
3—Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Cal.
4—Roscoe Toles, Detroit, Mich.
5—Pat Valentino, San Francisco, Cal.

(Group 4)

1—Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2—Big Boy Brown, Detroit, Michigan.
3—Lee Savold, Des Moines, Iowa.
4—Lou Brooks, Wilmington, Delaware.
5—Tony Shucco, Boston, Mass.
6—Alberto Lovell, Argentina.
7—Arturo Godoy, Chile.
8—Tony Musto, Chicago, Ill.
9—Abe Simon, New York, N. Y.
10—Buddy Baer, Oakland, Cal.
11—Lou Nova, Alameda, Cal.

(Group 5)
(Listed Alphabetically)

These are listed alphabetically as there is too little difference in the ability of each to rate them in order:—Altus Allen, Chicago, Ill.; Al Blake, Baltimore, Md.; Clarence "Red" Burman, Baltimore, Md.; Wallace Cross, Newark, N. J.; Freddie Fiducia, Newark, N. J.; Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Florida; Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio; Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J.; Jack London, West Hartlepool, England; Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio; Walter Neusel, Germany; Connie Norden, Oakland, Cal.; Buddy Walker, Columbus, Ohio.

(Group 6)

Henry Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Baksi, New York City, N. Y.; Gunnar Barlund, Finland; Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J.; Charley Eagle, Waterbury, Conn.; Lem Franklin, Cleveland, Ohio; Tim Heffernan, San Francisco, Calif.; Adolph Heuser, Germany; Johnny Kapovich, Baltimore, Md.; Junior Munsell, Ponca City, Okla.; Joe Muscato, Buffalo; Buddy Scott, Washington, D. C.; Johnny Shkor, Boston, Mass.; Bob Smith, New York City; Bill Weinberg, Boston, Mass.; Clayton Worlds, Chicago, Ill.

(Group 7)

Neville Beech, Picayune, Miss.; Eddie Blunt, New York City, N. Y.; Big Boy Bray, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chuck Crowell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Julio Lazaro Diaz, Cuba; Frank Donofrio, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eldridge Eatman, Norwalk, Conn.; George Fitch, New Haven, Conn.; Johnny Flynn, Rochester, N. Y.; Al Hart, Washington, D. C.

Yancey Henry, Los Angeles, Calif.; Earl Lowman, Washington, D. C.; Jack Marshall, Dallas, Texas; Newsboy Millich, San Francisco, Calif.; Nap Mitchell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Buddy Moore, New York City; Ben Morosz, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lee Q. Murray, Pittsburgh, Pa.; George Nicholson, Yonkers, N. Y.; Bill Peterson, Indiana Harbor, Indiana; Curtis Sheppard, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Claudio Villar, Spain; Teddy Wint, New York City, N. Y.; Frank Zamoris, Orange, N. J.

(Group 8)

Dee Amos, New York City, N. Y.; Billy Britt, Australia; Clarence Brown, Chicago, Ill.; Red Bruce, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jimmy Carollo, Corona, L. I.; Martin Clark, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry Cooper, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sanders Cox, Dallas, Texas; Jimmy DeChard, Washington, D. C.; Johnny Densen, Indianapolis, Ind.; Leroy Evans, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tony Gangemi, Philadelphia, Pa.

Larry Gains, Toronto, Canada; Martin Goldberg, San Francisco, Calif.; Johnny Hanschen, San Francisco, Calif.; George James, England; Clarence Jones, Buffalo, N. Y.; King Kong, Baltimore, Md.; Pete Louthis, Cumberland, R. I.; Ted Lowry, New Bedford, Mass.; George Markwick, Cuckfield, England; Tommy Martin, Deptford, England; Selman Martin, Chicago, Ill.

Dan Merritt, Cleveland, Ohio; Herb Narvo, Australia; Willie Pavlovich, New York City, N. Y.; Vince Pimpinella, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frank Poreda, Jersey City, N. J.; George Parks, Washington, D. C.; Tom Reddington, Salford, England; Willie Reddish, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Robinson, Leeds, England; Adam Spencer, New York City, N. Y.; Wally Sears, Minersville, Pa.; Dal Wright, Australia.

(Group 9)

Frank Ahearn, Jersey City, N. J.; Johnny Aichers, Grantwood, N. J.; Mike Alfano, Newark, N. J.; Jose Arengo, Havana, Cuba; Basilio Ayesterdan, Spain; Sandy Ayres, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charley Kid Baisden, Valdosta, Ga.; Joe Baynes, New York City, N. Y.; Steve Berkis, Newark, N. J.; Harold Blackshear, Monterey, California.

Gene Bland, Indianapolis, Indiana; Al Boros, Bridgeport, Conn.; Tiny Bosnich, San Francisco, Calif.; Jim Bowden, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ben Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bob Brown, Los Angeles, Calif.; Clarence Brown, Chicago, Ill.; Jimmy Brown, Canton, Ohio.

Charles Bundy, England; Howard Red Bush, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jack Butler, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe "Big Boy" Carilli, Hartford, Conn.; Charley Chambers, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Cira, Bloomfield, N. J.; Ernie Collins, Reno, Nev.; Steve Colluci, Phillipsburgh, N. J.; Italo Colonello, Italy; Clint Conway, Cleveland, Ohio; Jack Crosby, Nottingham, England; Jimmy DeSola, Spain.

Dan Dowling, St. Louis, Mo.; Joe Downey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bob Dudley, Newark, N. J.; Hal Fieberling, Oakland, Calif.; Jimmy Gardner, Lawnside, N. J.; Joe Garnett, Atlantic City, N. J.; George Giambastiani, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jack Gill, Miami, Fla.; Tommy Gill, Jersey City, N. J.

Frank Green, Chicago, Ill.; Charley Harvey, New York City, N. Y.; Star Harvey, Hartford, Conn.; Dan Hassett, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hans Haverlick, Germany; Pete Hernandez, San Francisco, Calif.; Billy Hood, Orlando, Fla.; Hubert Hood, Chicago, Ill.; Jabbo Kenner, Washington, D. C.; Buddy Komer, McKeesport, Pa.

Ralph Koskey, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Kozeck, Sarasota, Fla.; Jim Lee, Oakland, Calif.; Mario Liani, Italy; Eddie Mader, New York City, N. Y.; Joey Mason, Lawrenceville, Pa.

Pete Mell, Camp Blanding, Fla.; Billy Metcalf, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gene Mickens, Newark, N. J.; Andy Miller, Sioux City, Iowa; George Muir, New Zealand; Battling Munroe, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Nelson, Tulsa, Okla.; Ernie Nordman, Goodland, Kansas; Julio Ortenzio, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Beans Palmer, Plainfield, N. J.; Al Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Hank Postaway, Detroit, Mich.; Al Reiss, Detroit, Mich.; Jim Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles Roth, Detroit, Mich.

Armand Roy, Manchester, N. H.; Bob Smith, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Snyder, Nanticoke, Pa.; Ollie Tandbero, Sweden; Lou Thomas, Indianapolis, Indiana; Willie Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Tracy, San Francisco, Calif.; J. D. Turner, Dallas, Texas; Harold Ullmer, Chicago, Ill.; Giraldo Valdez, Havana, Cuba.

Al Ware, Oklahoma; Blimp Williams, Fresno, Calif.; Wee Willie Williams, Detroit, Mich.; Frankie Willis, Atlantic City, N. J.; Jack Wofford, San Francisco, Calif.; Bruce Woodcock, Doncaster, England; Frankie Willis, Atlantic City, N. J.; Plato Yarmchuk, Paterson, N. J.

Light-heavyweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio.
2—Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N. J.

(Group 2)

1—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio.
2—Anton Christoforidis, Greece.
3—Ken Overlin, Decatur, Ill.
4—Freddie Mills, England.

(Group 3)

1—Billy Soose, Farrell, Pa.
2—Nate Bolden, Chicago, Ill.
3—Tommy Tucker, East Rockaway, L. I.
4—Alabama Kid, Dover, Ohio.
5—Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Cal.
6—Johnny Colan, New York City.
7—Jack Coggins, San Diego, Cal.
8—Booker Beckwith, Gary, Indiana.
9—Johnny "Bandit" Romero, San Diego, Cal.

(Group 4)
(Listed Alphabetically)

Mose Brown, McKeesport, Pa.; Shelton Bell, Youngstown, Ohio; Herbie Katz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Herbert Marshall, New York City; Jock McAvoy, England; Oscar Rankins, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland, Ohio; Ron Richards, Australia; Jimmy Webb, St. Louis, Mo.

(Group 5)

Frank Armstrong, Philadelphia, Pa.

Charley Babcock, Bangor, Me.; Herman Badger, New Haven, Conn.; Cleve Bailey, Vineland, N. J.; Marvin Baker, San Francisco, Calif.; Ted Barter, Kingston, England; Bill Bayliss, Australia; Roy Beard, Ocean Park, Calif.; Luther Brent, Chicago, Ill.; El Brookman, Washington, D. C.; Jimmy Brott, San Diego, Calif.

Deacon Johnny Brown, Baltimore, Md.; George Burnette, Detroit, Mich.; Vince Calzaretto, Chicago, Ill.; Tommy Campanella, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leo Center, Savannah, Ga.; Sal Cesario, Boston, Mass.; Tony Cisco, Norristown, Pa.; Danny Cox, New York City, N. Y.; Gunboat Davis, Charleston, W. Va.; Wilbur DeCora, Nebraska.

Ralph DeJohn, Syracuse, N. Y.; Jack Fowlkes, Elizabeth, N. J.; Eddie Elie, Springfield, Mass.; George Fuller, Boston, Mass.; Jimmy Gardner, Lawnside, N. J.; Tommy Garland, Culver City, Calif.; Bob Garner, Louisville, Ky.; Al Gilbert, Washington, D. C.; Tony Gillo, New Haven, Conn.; Stanley Goicz, Yonkers, N. Y.; Billy Grant, Orange, N. J.; Frankie Guenther, Seattle, Wash.

Stanley Hasrato, Yonkers, N. Y.; Jake Holman, Metuchen, N. J.; Ira Hughes, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bob Jacobs, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Jakes, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jack Johnson, Australia; Gil Lowenstein, U. S. Army, Hawaii; Paulie Mahoney, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jimmy Mandell, Buffalo, N. Y.; Pat Mangini, Philadelphia, Pa.

George Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Morris, Yonkers, N. Y.; Jimmy Mulligan, Lowell, Mass.; Bill Nichy, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mario Ochoa, Havana, Cuba; Billy Pierce, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Eddie Pierce, South Africa; Lou Presto, Buffalo, N. Y.; Billy Pryor, Pueblo, Colo.; Al Renick, Hartford, Conn.; Zack Robinson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Clay Rowan, Stockton, Calif.

Tarzan Roy, Williamsport, Pa.; Clem Russo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lou Schwartz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Johnny Seeman, Boston, Mass.; Sam Shumway, Webster, Mass.; Al Smith, New York City, N. Y.; Billy Smith, Oakland, Calif.

Lorenzo Strickland, New York City, N. Y.; Buddy Thomas, Washington, D. C.; Walter Thomas, New York City, N. Y.; Sam Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ben Valentine, Fiji Islands; Waddell Washington, Springfield, Conn.; Eddie Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Middleweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana.
2—Georgie Abrams, Washington, D. C.

(Group 2)

1—Eddie Booker, San Diego, Cal.
2—Charley Burley, Minneapolis, Minn.
3—Ernie Vigh, Newburgh, N. Y.
4—Tony Martin, Milwaukee, Wis.
5—Coley Welch, Portland, Me.
6—Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Cal.
7—Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
8—Kid Tunero, Cuba.
9—Jose Basora, Puerto Rico.
10—Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
11—Jacob La Motta, New York City.
12—Antonio Fernandez, Chile.

(Group 3)

1—Steve Belloise, New York City.
2—Harry Kid Matthews, Emett, Idaho.
3—George Baratka, Cleveland, Ohio.
4—Al Hostak, Seattle, Wash.
5—Tommy Yarosz, Monaco, Pa.
6—Henry Chmielewski, Old Orchard, Me.
7—Vic Dellicurti, New York City.
8—Ceferino Garcia, Philippine Islands.

(Group 4)
(Listed Alphabetically)

Gene Buffalo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cal Cagni, Cresskill, N. J.; Dan Calcagno, Panama; Joe Carter, Rome, N. Y.; Jack Chase, Denver, Colo.; Indian Gomez, Havana, Cuba; Ossie Harris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sonny Horne, Niles, Ohio; Bob Jacobs, Phila., Pa.; Howell King, Detroit, Mich.; Jimmy McDaniels, Los Angeles, Calif.; Steve Mamakos, Washington, D. C.; Vern Patterson, Chicago, Ill.; Aaron "Tiger" Wade, Oakland, Calif.

(Group 5)

Charley Babcock, Bangor, Me.; Al Basten, Australia; Bob Berry, Cleveland, Ohio; Frankie Best, Fredonia, N. Y.; Bobby Birch, New York City, N. Y.; Alf Bishop, Bath, England; Bruce Bishop, Slough, England; Otto Blackwell, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Oscar Boyd, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jack Brander, Australia; Luther Brent, Chicago, Ill.; Frankie Britt, Providence, R. I.; Johnny Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Deacon Johnny Brown, Baltimore, Md.

Syd Brown, Panama; Trevor Burt, Ogmore Valley, England; Billy Carrigan, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Carter, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ern Clingan, Australia; Tom Colteaux, Australia; Costello Cruz, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cliff Dyes, Philadelphia, Pa.; Larry Fontana, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jimmy Franklin, Homestead, Pa.

Young Frisco, Australia; Baxley Hardy, Augusta, Ga.; Charley Hayes, Detroit, Mich.; Andy Holland, New York City; Sonny Horne, Niles, Ohio; Jack Hyams, Stepney, England; Johnny Jackson, New Orleans, La.; Georgie Kochan, Akron, Ohio; Billy Lancaster, Portland, Me.; Johnny Lawer, Cleveland, Ohio.

Glen Lee, Los Angeles, Calif.; Artie Levine, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gene Luker, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dave McCleave, Smithfield, England.

Jack McNamee, Australia; Harvey Massey, New Orleans, La.; Larney Moore, Hempstead, N. Y.; Phil Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.

Frankie Nelson, Davenport, Iowa; Buddy O'Dell, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Reginald Osborne, New York City, N. Y.; Charley Parkin, Mansfield, England; Paulic Peters, Presidio, Calif.
Jimmy Pierce, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Billy Pryor, Pueblo, Colo.; Young Kid Robinson, Des Moines, Iowa; Ginger Sadd, Norwich, England; Johnny Seaman, Fall River, Mass.; Johnny Walker, Philadelphia, Pa.; Allan Westbury, Australia; Johnny Yellavich, Rochelle Park, N. J.; Frankie Young, New Haven, Conn.; Jack Young, Australia; Leon Zorrita, Mexico City.

(Group 6)

Jackie Alzek, Ashley, Pa.; Augie Angarano, Harrison, N. Y.; Mike Angieri, Inwood, L. I.; Larry Anzalone, Lodi, N. J.; Augie Arellano, Houston, Texas; Charley Avila, San Francisco, Calif.; Kid Azteca, Mexico City; Al Barbosa, Port Chester, N. Y.; Ernest Barnwell, New York City, N. Y.; Ted Barter, Kingston, England.
Lou Bass, Norfolk, Va.; Andy Bistak, Carteret, N. J.; Joe Boscarino, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jackie Burke, Ogden, Utah; Bernie Cardenas, Hollywood, Calif.; Buster Carroll, Lowell, Mass.; Joe Carter, Jamaica, N. Y.; Jimmy Casino, Los Angeles, Calif.
Johnny Clark, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry Claypool, Cleveland, Ohio; Frankie Colburn, Texas; Johnny Craven, Philadelphia, Pa.; Curley Denton, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jackie Donovan, Buffalo, N. Y.; Speedy Duval, Southwark, Pa.; Vern Earling, Idaho.
Don Espenson, Minnesota; Georgie Feltes, Milwaukee, Wis.; Eddie Finazzo, Baltimore, Md.; Al Gilbert, Washington, D. C.; Billy Grant, Orange, N. J.; Harold Gresham, Detroit, Mich.; Eddie Guerra, New York City, N. Y.
Big Boy Hogue, Jacumba, Calif.; Buddy Holmes, Washington, D. C.; Max Hutchins, Hollywood, Calif.; Frankie Jamison, Chicago, Ill.; Gib Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ivor Jones, Blaenoven, Eng.
Tommy Jones, Worcester, Mass.; Irwin Kaye Kaplan, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jack Kenny, Livingston, N. J.; Perry Lowe, Newark, N. J.; Rocky Luciano, Harrisburg, Pa.; Joe "Butch" Lynch, Plainfield, N. J.; Jackie Lyons, Bridgeport, Conn.
Wild Bill McDowell, Patterson, N. J.; Carl McFadden, Bangor, Me.; Ramey McKnight, Milwaukee, Wis.; Van McNutt, Baltimore, Md.; Jimmy Mandell, Buffalo, N. Y.; Don Marshall, Bauxite, Ark.; Jess Moroney, Harrisburg, Pa.; Billy Morris, Harrisburg, Pa.; Warren Petersen, Jamaica, N. Y.
Eddie Pierce, New York City, N. Y.; Gene Pinter, McAdoo, Pa.; Al Red Priest, Cambridge, Mass.; Earl Robbins, Portland, Me.; Amado Rodriquez, El Paso, Texas; Manuel Rosa, Baltimore, Md.
Manola Sanchez, Havana, Cuba; Babe Scott, Baltimore, Md.; Mel Seratta, Nogales, Arizona; Aaron "Al" Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe Snediker, Dunellen, N. J.; Joey Spangler, Washington, D. C.; Joe Sutka, Wyandotte, Mich.
Milo Theodorescu, Rumania; Bob Wade, Newark, N. J.; Bunky Wall, Morristown, N. J.; Harvey Weiss, New York City, N. Y.; Lambertine Williams, Baltimore, Md.; Frankie Wills, Baltimore, Md.; Dodo Woods, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lou Woods, Detroit, Mich.; Dom Youvella, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Welterweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Ray Robinson, New York City, N. Y.

(Group 2)

1—Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles, Cal.
2—Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles, Cal.
3—Cocoa Kid, New Haven, Conn.
4—Marty Servo, Schenectady, N. Y.
5—Freddie Red Cochrane, Elizabeth, N. J.

(Group 3)

1—Jimmy Edgar, Detroit, Mich.
2—Earl Turner, Richmond, Va.
3—Sheik Rangel, Fresno, Cal.
4—Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Group 4)

1—Danny Kapilow, Brooklyn, N. Y.
2—Freddie Archer, Newark, N. J.
3—Mike Kaplan, Boston, Mass.
4—Young Kid McCoy, Detroit, Mich.
5—Joe Legon, Havana, Cuba.
6—Tony Motisi, Chicago, Ill.
7—Izzy Jannazzo, Brooklyn, N. Y.
8—Norman Rubio, Albany, N. Y.
9—Sammy Secreet, Pittsburgh, Pa.
10—Ernie Roderick, England.
11—Cosby Linson, New Orleans, La.
12—Al Lust, Calgary, Canada.
13—Tony Marteliano, New York City.
14—Garvey Young, Boston, Mass.

(Group 5)

1—Georgie Martin, Boston, Mass.
2—Al Nettlow, Detroit, Mich.
3—Carmen Notch, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4—Billy White, Baltimore, Md.
5—Arthur Danahar, England.
6—Jimmy Garrison, Kansas City, Mo.
7—George Nyberg, Port Arthur, Ontario, Can.
8—Raoul Carabantes, Chile.
9—Al Tribuani, Wilmington, Del.
10—Al Davis, New York City, N. Y.
11—Harvey Dubs, Windsor, Canada.
12—Jackie Byrd, Blytheville, Arkansas.
13—Maxie Berger, New York City, N. Y.
14—Rudolfo Ramirez, Mexico City.

(Group 6)

1—Dan Calcagno, Panama.
2—Billy Murray, Bellaire, Ohio.
3—Jackie Cooper, Chicago, Ill.
4—Baby Arizmendi, Los Angeles.
5—Milton Kessler, Coney Island, N. Y.
6—Rush Milling, Australia.
7—Mayon Padlo, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Vinnie Rossano, Brooklyn, N. Y.
9—Wicky Harkins, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Cecil Hudson, San Jose, Cal.
11—Saverio Turiello, Italy.
12—Billy Beauhuld, Jersey City, N. J.
13—Pete DeRuzza, Mamaroneck, N. Y.
14—Bobby Britton, Miami, Fla.
15—Les Sloane, Australia.
16—Vinnie Vines, Schenectady, N. Y.
17—Ralph Zannelli, Providence, R. I.

(Group 7)
(Listed Alphabetically)

Hanking Barrows, British Honduras; Hockey Bennell, Australia; Leonard Bennett, Chicago, Ill.; Jackie Kid Berg, White Chapel, Eng.; Randy Brown, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Marvin Bryant, Dallas, Texas; Young Byron, Roxbury, Mass.; Dencio Cabanella, Honolulu; Larry Cisneros, Los Angeles, Cal.; Red Cregan, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bill de Belin, Australia; Carl Dell, Oneonta, N. Y.; Joe DeMartino, Bridgeport, Conn.; Eddie Dolan, Waterbury, Conn.
Artie Dorrell, Tyler, Texas; Frank Duffy, Bootle, Eng.; J. J. Fernandez, Havana, Cuba; Red Green, Ocean Park, Calif.; Joey Haddad, Paterson, N. J.; Clever Henry, Philippine Islands; Jake Kilrain, Ireland; Bobby Lakin, Jamaica, N. Y.; Eddie McGeever, Scranton, Pa.; Ron McLaughlin, Australia; Midget Mexico, El Paso, Texas; Bernie Miller, New York City.
Harry Mizler, St. George, Eng.; Francisco Montanari, Italy; Jerry Moore, New York City; Willie Neyland, Elizabeth, N. J.; Phil Norman, Detroit, Mich.; George Odwell, Camdentown, Eng.; Laurie Peterson, Australia; Mario Ramon, Mexico City; Morris Reif, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Young Shadow, Panama; Ruben Shank, Denver, Colo.; Bert Spargo, Australia; Raoul Soliz, San Diego, Cal.; Bill Tordiglione, Boston, Mass.; Bep Van Klaveren, Holland; Harry Weekly, New Orleans, La.; Danny Williams, Albany, N. Y.; Yucatan Kid, Miami, Fla.

(Group 8)

Eddie Alzek, Ashley, Pa.; Jackie Armitage, New Kensington, Pa.; Carmine Baglino, New York City; Ronny Beaudin, Calgary, Canada; Buster Beaupre, Burlington, Vt.; Bit Beebe, Palm Beach, Fla.; Joe Belfiore, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Bell, New Haven, Conn.
Tommy Bell, Youngstown, Ohio; Freddie Bello, Elizabeth, N. J.; Joe Bellotti, Philadelphia, Pa.; Howard Bennett, Baltimore, Md.; Bobby Berger, Chicago, Ill.; Waddell Blackwell, Homestead, Pa.; Lou Bodish, Allentown, Pa.; Frank Borsi, New Brunswick, N. J.
Jimmy Brooks, San Francisco, Calif.; Dave Bruce, Orange, N. J.
Herb Brydon, Elizabeth, N. J.; Bluey Burns, Australia; Tommy Burns, Australia; Howard Burton, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Laurie Buxton, Watford, Eng.; Freddie Cabral, Cambridge, Mass.; Al Calderon, Hollywood, Calif.; Freddie Camuso, Fall River, Mass.; Tony Canelli, Los Angeles, Calif.; Nat Cannatta, Providence, R. I.; Mickey Canty, Springfield, Mass.
Frankie Cardinal, New York City, N. Y.; Johnny Caruso, Jersey City, N. J.; Frankie Cavanna, New York City, N. Y.; Frankie Conn, Lynnhurst, N. J.; Al Cortez, Baltimore, Md.; Bobby Creed, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Bobby Cummings, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mickey Daniels, San Francisco, Calif.; Irish Johnny Dean, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe DeJesus, New York City, N. Y.; Rego Dell, Bridgeport, Conn.; Lennox Dingle, Philadelphia, Pa.
Jimmy Dolphin, Milford, Conn.; Fred Domico, Philadelphia, Pa.; Red Doty, Hartford, Conn.; Mansfield Driskell, Detroit, Mich.; Johnny Dudley, Detroit, Mich.; George Duke, San Francisco, Calif.
Jimmy Dundee, Australia; Joe Dupont, Chicago, Ill.; Lou Duva, Paterson, N. J.; Charley Early, San Francisco, Calif.; Don Eddy, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; George Elliott, Australia; Eddie Ellis, Quincy, Mass.; Tony Falco, Middletown, Conn.; Buddy Farrell, Newark, N. J.
Tony Ferrara, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Caesar Ferro, New York City; Johnny Finazzo, Baltimore, Md.; Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lou Flver, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ernie Forte, Providence, R. I.
Phil Furr, Washington, D. C.; Pete Geno, Greenwich Village, N. Y.; Beauford Glover, Cleveland, Ohio; Frankie Grasso, Philadelphia, Pa.; Harold Green, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Steve Halaiko, Buffalo, N. Y.; Henry Holt, Danbury, Conn.; Young Hurtado, Havana, Cuba; Ran Jackson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gene Johnson, New York City, N. Y.; Joe Johnson, Australia; Reid Johnson, Elizabeth, N. J.; Henry Jordan, Atlantic City, N. J.; Pete Kennedy, Elmsford, N. Y.; Cotton King, Miami, Fla.
Herbie Kronowith, New York City, N. Y.; Frank Lowry, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cecilio Lozada, Mexico City; Frank McDougal, Roxbury, Mass.; Cleo McNeal, Barberton, Ohio; Phil McQuillan, Denver, Colo.; Mickey Makar, Bayonne, N. J.
Jimmy Malloy, Bootle, England; Neil Miller, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Red Moffett, Devon, Conn.; Al Moran, Australia; Jorge Morelia, Mexico City; Pete Muscarnera, New York City, N. Y.; Lem Nelson, Springfield, Conn.
Bob Nichols, Cincinnati, Ohio; Danny Nobrega, New Bedford, Conn.; Pedro Ortega, Mexico City; Tony Pappa, Old Bridge, N. J.; Bill Parsons, Danville, Ill.; Henry Paz, San Jose, Calif.
Ernie Pelaia, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Ernie Peters, Morton, Minnesota; Ernie Petrone, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mike Piskin, Freehold, N. J.; Six Second Powell, Plainfield, N. J.; Wayne Powell, U. S. Army, Hawaii; Norman Rahn, Philadelphia, Pa.
Terry Reilly, Australia; Tim Renick, Hartford, Conn.; Ruperto Reyes, Lima, Peru; Ernest "Cat" Robinson, Jamaica, N. Y.; Paddy Roche, Ireland; Tommy Roman, Bayonne, N. J.; Danny Rosati, Newark, N. J.; Tony Ross, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Johnny Roszina, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Frankie Saia, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rene Sanchez, Panama; Leo Sawicki, Worcester, Mass.
Flash Sebastian, San Francisco, Calif.; J. D. Shans, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chester Slider, Fresno, Calif.
Norman Snow, Northampton, Eng.; Al Spencer, New Orleans, La.; Al Spina, Portland, Ore.; Pete Spotti, Cecil, Pa.; Buck Streator, Collingswood, N. J.; Babe Synott, Fall River, Mass.; Tito Taylor, Cincinnati, Ohio; Pedro Tomez, Upper Derby, Pa.
Vic Troise, New York City, N. Y.; Charley Varre, New York City, N. Y.; Frankie Velez, New York City, N. Y.
Freddie Wilson, New York City, N. Y.; Joe Ybarra, Oakland, Calif.; Frankie Zezima, Stamford, Conn.

Lightweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa.
2—Beau Jack, Atlanta, Ga.
3—Willie Joyce, Chicago, Ill.
4—Allie Stolz, Newark, N. J.
5—Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J.
6—Chester Rico, New York City.
7—Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Maxie Shapiro, New York City.
9—Juan Zurita, Mexico City, Mexico.
10—Slugger White, Baltimore, Md.
11—Joey Peralta, Tamaqua, Pa.
12—Cleo Shans, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Group 2)

1—Verne Bybee, Ogden, Utah.
2—Aldo Spoldi, Italy.
3—Vic Patrick, Australia.
4—Leo Rodak, Chicago, Ill.
5—John Thomas, Los Angeles, Cal.
6—Eric Boon, England.
7—Carmine Fatta, Brooklyn, N. Y.
8—Roman Alvarez, New York City.
9—Richie Lemos, Los Angeles, Cal.
10—Terry Young, New York City.
11—Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, Lake City, S. C.
12—Bobby Ruffin, Astoria, Long Island.
13—George Latka, San Jose, Cal.
14—Ray Lunny, San Francisco, Cal.
15—Dave Castilloux, Montreal, Can.
16—Danny Bartfield, Brooklyn, N. Y.
17—Harry Hurst, Montreal, Can.

(Group 3)

1—Ellis Phillips, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Santiago Sosa, Cuba.
3—Harry Teaney, Cleveland, O.
4—Pete Scalzo, New York City.
5—Carlos Malacara, Mexico City.
6—Joey Fontana, Brooklyn, N. Y.
7—Billy Marquart, Winnipeg, Ontario, Can.
8—Nick Castiglione, Chicago, Ill.

(Group 4)

Paul Altman, Houston, Texas; Billy Banks, Washington, D. C.; Quentin "Baby" Breese, Manhattan, Kansas; Ray Brown, Chicago, Ill.; Benny Caplan, St. George, Eng.; Mickey Carney, Watford, Eng.; Frankie Carto, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Collins, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Compo, New Haven, Conn.; Tommy Cross, Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy Davis, Minersville, Pa.
Charley Davis, New York City, N. Y.; Mike Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carmelo Fenoy, Barcelona, Spain; Jimmy Florita, Philippine Islands; Johnny Greco, Montreal, Canada; Mitsos Grispos, Greece; Carl "Red" Guggino, New Haven, Conn.; Tommy Hogan, New York City, N. Y.; Lloyd Kid Hudson, Bath, Me.; Johnny Hutchinson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tommy Hyams, Kings Cross, Eng.
Ronnie James, Swansea, Eng.; Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Texas; Kelly Jessup, Springfield, Mass.; Tommy Jessup, Springfield, Mass.; Justo Jiminez, Mexico City; Tommy Johns, Australia; Abie Kaufman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mickey LaMarr, New York City, N. Y.; Eddie Lander, Chicago, Ill.; Trevor Law, Australia; Harry Lazar, Aldgate, Eng.; Frankie Martin, San Francisco, Calif.; Bobby McIntire, Detroit, Mich.; Charley Meigel, Hollywood, Calif.; Don Melville, Australia.
Tod Morgan, Australia; Charley Parham, Detroit, Mich.; Morris Parker, Newark, N. J.; Sammy Parrotto, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Matt Perfetti, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Joey Pirrone, Cleveland, Ohio; Richard Polite, New Orleans, La.; Gene Posey, Oakland, Calif.; Ray Price, Portland, Me.;

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54 Straight and the Title

Willie Pep Hangs Up Remarkable Record—New Featherweight King Follows in Footsteps of Other Famous Connecticut Ring Celebrities

By DON HAMILL

THE bell rang ending the fifteen round title bout. A hushed silence crept over 19,000 fans who had filled Madison Square Garden. Announcer Harry Balough collected the votes of both judges and the referee and stepped to the microphone. "The winner and new featherweight champion of the world, Willie Pep."

The cheers that rose shook the walls of the Garden. Hats, programs, torn and otherwise, sailed into the air. A new champion from Connecticut was crowned. Willie Pep of Hartford had taken the title from Chalky Wright. This was Willie's fifty-fifth consecutive win. Not even the blemish of a draw spoiled his record.

In Pep, Connecticut acquired its third featherweight champion. Louis Kid Kaplan of Meriden won the title by a knockout over Danny Kramer on January 2, 1925 in New York. Two years later Kaplan relinquished the crown because of weight difficulties.

On September 29, 1927, Hartford's native son, Christopher (Bat) Battalino, captured the laurels by winning a fifteen round decision over Andre Routis in Hartford. Battalino, like Kaplan, was forced to vacate the throne when he outgrew the division.

Willie amazed almost everyone present with the manner in which he toppled Wright from the throne. Boxing very cautiously for the first few rounds Pep showed respect for the champion, who is one of the hardest hitters at his weight. Wright connected with several damaging blows in both the fifth and seventh rounds. Then, convinced that he could take Chalky's best wallops Willie became less cautious and began punching sharper and more often. The last six rounds were the challenger's by a wide margin despite the fact that Wright got in several solid blows to the body and head. In the fourteenth round Pep shook Wright up and drove him to the ropes, but the cagey Negro managed to maneuver himself out of danger. It was Pep's fight. There was no doubt about that.

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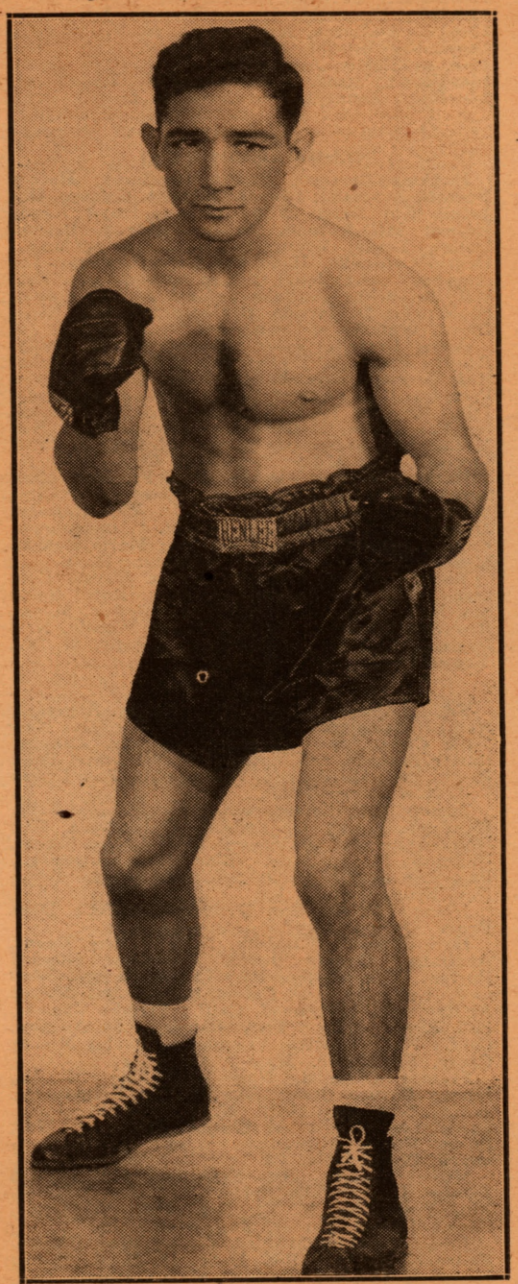

Willie Pep, featherweight champion of the world, rated No. 1 in RING *rankings for 1942.*

WILLIE PEP was born William Papaleo, September 19, 1922, in Middletown, Connecticut, but came to Hartford, his present home, at the age of two. His father, Salvatore, became an amateur boxer and football player soon after his arrival in this country from sunny Italy. A great follower of boxing, Salvatore Papaleo seldom missed a fight card in his locale, often taking Willie along with him. It was at this time that Willie first got a hankering for the ring. He also liked football and often accompanied his father to games.

Day after day Willie trudged to the Charter Oak Gymnasium in Hartford to watch his idol, Bobby (Poison) Ivy, train. He simply adored Bobby, his ring idol, and he would beg to be allowed to train, too, but was constantly refused because of his youth and also because at the time he weighed only eighty-nine pounds.

Later Mushky Salow of Hartford opened up another gym in the city of Featherweight Champions, the Capital City Gym, and took an interest in the sincerity of the boy. He gave Willie the chance he had been waiting for—that of training in a real gym. After the others were through their routine workouts, wee Willie was allowed to train lightly. In a short time he showed better form than most of the experienced boxers training in the same gym.

At the tender age of fifteen, Willie had his first amateur fight in Danbury, Connecticut. The same year he captured the state amateur flyweight championship. He chalked up twenty-one straight wins before losing to Angelo Radano, who outweighed him by fourteen pounds. Pep went on to score nineteen more straight victories before losing to the great Ray (Sugar) Robinson, then fighting as Ray Roberts. The following year, Willie lost a close decision to Earl Roys in his efforts to win the state flyweight title for the second year.

Unlike most boys, Willie wasn't one to forsake his studies because of boxing. He graduated from the Henry Barnard Grammar School in Hartford and attended the Hartford Public High School for two years. It was when his father became ill that Willie was forced to leave school to help support the Papaleo family. Besides his mother and father, he has a fourteen-year-old sister, Frances, and a five-year-old brother, Nicholas. The latter his most ardent fan hopes to follow his brother into the ring.

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WILLIE PEP forsook amateur boxing on July 25, 1940 and turned his eyes toward a professional career. He scored first a four round decision over Joey Marcus, a tough hombre, who was also turning pro. Next he kayoed Joey Wasnick in three and Tommy Burns in one round before repeating in a six rounder with Joey Marcus. A decision over Jackie Moore, who fought also as Eddie Ely, and a kayo over Jimmy Riche were added without trouble. Then he was matched to fight Carlo Daponde, a trial horse, in New Britain and was expected to win easily. That's just what Willie did. After getting up off the floor in the first round, he gave his opponent such an unmerciful beating that the referee was forced to call a halt.

He decisioned James McGovern and kayoed Jimmy Mutone for his tenth and eleventh consecutive professional victories. Willie won in easy fashion over Joey Echevarria in his twelfth pro start. Augie Almeda and Don Lyons followed via the kayo route.

Ruby Garcia, Puerto Rican, came to this country heralded as a great little fighter. He was making his American debut in Hol-

yoke, Massachusetts, with wee Willie as his opponent. Willie, a three to one underdog, scored an upset by handing Garcia a defeat in a savagely fought bout. They were rematched two weeks later with Willie winning in a walk.

Marty Shapiro joined the rest as victim number sixteen. Joey Gatto was next a kayo victim in the second. Pep shellacked Henry Vasquez, Mexican Joey Silva, Harry Hitlian, and kayoed Lou Puglese to ring up four more victories bringing his unbroken string up to twenty-one.

Johnny Cockfield and Eddie DeAngelis bowed to Pep before his test with Jimmy Gilligan, who was brought to Hartford to try the qualities of Pep, but suffered a severe beating instead. Willie kayoed Paul Frechette and Eddie Flores in three and one rounds respectively.

Meanwhile Jackie Harris was duplicating Pep's success in another part of the state. Their paths crossed and Willie's twenty-eighth triumph was scored with a quick kayo. Carlos (Bandit) Manzana was next in a one-sided victory for Pep, who followed it up by a kayo over Connie Savoy.

West Coast fans had their only look at Pep when he scored three knockdowns and an easy four round decision over Billy Spencer in Los Angeles. In his first bout back East, Willie met and defeated Davey Crawford in Holyoke. Tired from his coast-to-coast trip, Pep didn't look his best but won decisively anyway. His Madison Square Garden debut immediately followed with Willie scoring his third win over Ruby Garcia.

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WITH 1941 behind him and thirty-two victories to keep his undefeated record intact, Willie opened his 1942 campaign with a fourth round technical knockout over veteran Mexican Joey Rivers in Fall River, Massachusetts. Rivers suffered a cut over his left eye in the first round and Pep's constant peppering of the eye forced the referee to intervene. Willie received forty-six dollars for that fight, not realizing that before the year was half over, he was to be earning thousand dollar purses.

Back to the Garden where he had previously beaten Ruby Garcia, Willie turned back Sammy Parrotto of Pittsburgh in a four round preliminary to the Fritzie Zivic-Ray Robinson card. Parrotto was dropped three times—once in the first and twice in the second.

Veteran Abie Kaufman of Philadelphia was trotted to be win number thirty-six for Willie. Pep won as he pleased for seven rounds, then seemed to lay back and let Kaufman come through to take the eighth session. However, Kaufman's last-round rally was a long ways from offsetting the beating that he had soaked up in the other seven rounds.

Hartford's Foot Guard Hall, where he conquered Angelo Callura, younger brother of Jackie, and also Willie Roache of Wilmington, Delaware, in eight round features, was the scene of his next two battles. Callura proved to be a durable foe, he suffered a knockdown in the first round, but managed to last the route without too much danger despite a decisive lacing.

Roache, a terrific puncher, was a dangerous opponent for Pep, but the Hartford boy ripped home so many punches that sportswriters likened Roache to a punching bag. Fighting in the teeth of a barrage of left hooks and jabs, Roache refused to take a backward step but kept boring in in a vain attempt to land a knockout punch.

Johnny Compo, another Connecticut featherweight, was doing all right for himself in his hometown of New Haven. Willie Pep was imported to give Compo a test but instead gave the Elm City idol a lacing before a packed house at the New Haven Arena. It was an interesting fight all the way with Pep outspeeding his foe in a fast punching affair. In this fight Willie chalked up his thirty-eighth straight triumph.

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BOXING was initiated at the new Hartford Auditorium the night that Willie knocked out the Canadian featherweight, Spider Armstrong. Willie scored two knockdowns in the first round and would have finished the fight then and there had not the bell rung. Armstrong came back strong in the second and third rounds. He carried the third by virtue of three jolting right hands. Willie scored another knockdown in the fourth before dropping Armstrong again for the toll of ten in the same round.

Pep next handed Curley Nichols of New York a neat boxing lesson in New Haven to run his win streak to forty. Willie won every round in a great scrap that found the fighters standing toe-to-toe in several exchanges. Nichols was dropped for no-count in the fourth round, the closest either fighter came to being knocked out.

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Willie Pep thumped out an eight round decision over Aaron Seltzer to hurdle over another obstacle in his climb to the featherweight championship of the world. Willie scored the lone knockdown in the second round and went on taking every round to keep his record unsullied. Seltzer went down following a two-fisted barrage in the second but recovered sufficiently to finish the fight.

Joey Iannotti had made a big hit with the Hartford fans when he was boxing in the amateurs. He hadn't fought before a Hartford audience since turning pro, therefore many of his old admirers turned out for his battle with Pep. Willie ripped home punch after punch to give the New Haven Italian a cruel shellacking. Every round was tabbed on Willie's side of the ledger by a sizeable margin.

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PEP scored triumph number forty-four at the expense of Joey Archibald, former world's featherweight champion. Referee Louis (Kid) Kaplan, another former featherweight titleholder tallied the fight forty to twenty-three as Willie won every round by a wide margin. A left hook to the pit of the stomach floored Archibald in the seventh round, the only knockdown of the fight.

Winning the New England featherweight title was an easy task when Willie copped all twelve rounds to beat Abe Denner of Boston, the defending champion in Hartford. Six thousand fans sat through five rounds of rain to watch their idol win the belt presented by THE RING Magazine for the New England featherweight championship. The tall Denner was a difficult target at first but Willie soon found his range. From then on, there was no doubt that Willie was scoring another victory for his long string.

Mexican Joey Silva, cross-eyed little scrapper from Los Angeles, received such an unmerciful beating at the hands of the newly crowned New England featherweight king that he was unable to answer the bell for the seventh round. Silva was battered to a pulp and virtually out on his feet as the sixth round ended.

Ten thousand ardent Pep rooters crowded into Bulkeley Stadium in Hartford to see Wee Willie smash out a decisive ten round decision over Puerto Rican Pedro Hernandez. Hernandez complained of a leg injury suffered when a wet spot in his own corner caused him to slip in the fourth round. For four rounds, however, he made it a tough fight for Pep, but the Hartford lad came down the last stretch to leave no doubt of his superiority.

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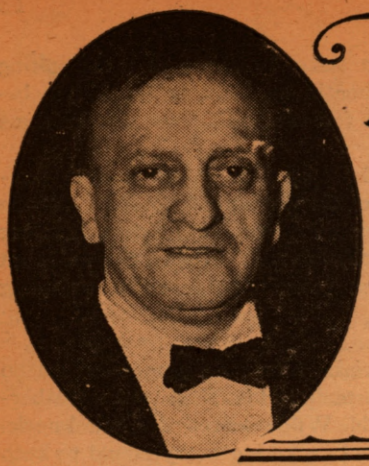
WILLIE gave a good exhibition of his boxing skill and punching accuracy in chopping out a decision over Nat Litfin at Savin Rock on Connecticut's shoreline. Pep apparently was saving Litfin for a workout as he didn't extend himself until the last round. The scoring of the rounds found Willie in the lead in every round by a wide margin.

When two fighters come from the same town, of the same weight and both with large followings, a match between them is almost inevitable. Bobby (Poison) Ivy and Pep were just such a case. Ivy had been the idol of the younger Pep and had inspired Willie to take up the gloves as a career.

They had both fought for Lou Viscusi before Pete Reilly became Ivy's manager. The two met in the most discussed fight in Hartford's history. Willie ran his string of victories up to forty-eight as he scored a tenth round kayo *(Continued on page 43)*



Nat FLEISCHER says:

Rivers and Stienbracher Are First Casualties
More Than 2100 Pros and Amateurs in Service
"Duration" Champions Not Needed in Boxing

IN our last issue, we carried a story of the heroism of Ray McIntyre, Canadian middleweight champion, and E. R. Nelson, his manager, each of whom gave an excellent account of himself in the Commando raid on Dieppe. They were members of the heroic Canadian contingent which lost several thousand men and Ray is now recovering from his wounds at a hospital in England.

The report of these two as casualties, was the first received in America of boxers wounded or killed in action from this side of the Big Pond since the war began. But now that the Canadians and Americans are in the thick of it in Northern and Eastern Africa and in the Pacific Islands, we must expect to get sad as well as good news henceforth concerning our boxers until Hitler, Mussolini and company, are conquered as they will and must be.

It is with a sad note that THE RING reports the death of two ring stalwarts of the American army, both killed in action in the Solomon Islands. Elsewhere in this issue, under the title, "The Ring's Honor Roll," you'll find the story of Johnny Rivers of Philadelphia and of John Stienbracher, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia, the former a topnotch professional, the last named one of America's outstanding Golden Glovers, an amateur with a fine record. They fought for the safety of America, for you and for me, as they did in the roped square—fearlessly, with only one aim—to win. Unfortunately, the odds were strongly against them, and they fell, heroes whose names were heralded in special reports from the front.

(Too bad that Johnny Rivers couldn't have heard his comrade in arms, Albert Schmidt, another Philadelphian, tell the world over a nation-wide hookup from his hospital cot in San Diego where he was brought from the Guadalcanal sector, how with two others, Rivers had helped kill more than 200 Japs at the Tenaru River before a bullet in the throat put him out of the action for good. THE RING Editor was proud of the fact that he knew Rivers. He, like millions of American boxing enthusiasts, was proud of boxing's contribution to the great cause of world freedom. Before this war is over and Hitler, Mussolini and the Jap war gods are brought to account for their murderous deeds, there'll be more stories of heroism on the field of battle by professional and amateur boxers, as thrilling as was that told by Schmidt, but we hope that when they are broadcast, the fighters concerned will be present to hear them, as was Barney Ross after his heroic action.

Football, wrestling, baseball, hockey, basketball—there isn't a sport that isn't well represented in every branch of the armed forces, but boxing leads 'em all. Champions and challengers, the lesser lights of the professional field and the ordinary novices—Golden Gloves titleholders and subnovice performers among the simon-pures—they outnumber almost two to one the representatives of their nearest rivals. So rapidly have they enlisted or been inducted, that from a little over 1600 boxers in uniform or in the merchant marine last August, our count has reached the high mark of close to 2100 on December 1, with 26 present and former champions on our honor roll.

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WE regret the necessity of our boys being called upon to fight the enemy in far off lands—in Egypt, Africa, Asia, the South Pacific Islands and in other sectors, on the seven seas and high in the air, but that's how our fighting men want and would have it. They are a fearless lot—courageous to the highest degree. Their sole aim is to wipe the enemy off the map so that they can come back and resume normal living.

Given the choice to fight thousands of miles away from home to protect our country and our people, to preserve our way of free thinking, our liberty and pursuit of happiness, these pro and amateur boxers, like all their comrades in arms, haven't hesitated a moment to choose the long journey from which some will never come back.

Stacked away in my office, are thousands of letters from service men, RING readers, in all parts of the globe. Their cheerfulness is what impresses me most. Instead of writing about the gloomy side of life, or complaining about this and that, the majority ask me to settle boxing disputes or to give results of bouts of recent days or to plead for the arrival of a RING Magazine, so that they can follow the sport as in their civilian days. All their requests are granted. We never let them down.

Last month I contributed for overseas posts 5200 RING Magazines and for camps in this country—32 sets of boxing gloves, 8 large training bags, 50 pounds each, and 6 punching bags.

In recent months, I have been kept so busy answering each letter personally, that I have had little time for myself. On the day this was written, I had eighty-seven letters from service men, each requiring an answer. Eleven came by airmail from the Panama Canal region; three from Australia, two from Rhodesia, eight from Egypt, thirteen from England and Northern Ireland, one from Iceland, two from Greenland, four from Bermuda and one each from Ceylon, Iran and Caledonia.

One letter that showed the spirit of our American boys, came from New Zealand with a five-dollar money order asking for a one year's subscription for the writer and one to be given to any service man selected by THE RING Editor. Two days later, another such letter was received from Hawaii from George Nagasawa, who wrote: "Please send me the books marked on the enclosed and for the extra $2.50, kindly choose a service man and send him a year's subscription as a Christmas present from me, for one year." The man chosen was "Z. Z." Zaharakis, a young sailor at the Jacksonville Naval Base.

Can you blame THE RING Editor for being proud of the part THE RING is taking to bolster the morale of our boys?

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THE folly of designating "duration champions" in boxing, was brought to light in the recent developments in the sport. The heavyweight situation, for example, furnishes ample reason for ridiculing such assignments. With the cream of the fistic talent in uniform or in war defense work, those who are striving to attain an honor to which they are not entitled, just don't measure up to the standard and won't be taken seriously by the fight public.

In New York, for example, a tourney was arranged by Mike Jacobs and the New York State Commission in which Tami Mauriello, Lee Savold, Lou Nova, and Jimmy Bivins were named. Mauriello outpointed Savold in the first round and took a commanding lead over his rivals. Then Savold tackled Jimmy Bivins, Mid-West star who hails from Cleveland. Jimmy, rated high both as a light heavyweight and heavyweight, failed miserably in his Eastern debut, though he gained the decision over Savold, thus putting Lee out of the running twice. Lee is a good fighter when

he wants to be one, but can be boxing's worst, as he proved against Bivins.

The third round in the tourney found Mauriello pitted against Nova who long ago, when he was whipped decisively by Savold in Washington, was eliminated from further consideration as a heavyweight menace. But fighters of any drawing ability are scarce as hen's teeth, hence out of retirement came Lieut. Nova of the California State Guard to take a shot at the "duration title." Of course the public isn't taking this tournament seriously, nor will it take any other in any division, but while the "duration" affairs go on, at least they will keep the pot boiling and give the fight fans a semblance of boxing activity worth while.

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IN his fight with Savold, an affair that drew rounds of boos instead of cheers, Bivins was unable to show New Yorkers his true ability. The Negro who has lost only one bout during 1942 and gained our No. 3 rating in the last issue, showed little to warrant that high post. But it requires two to make a fight, and in justice to Jimmy, it must be said that he tried hard to deliver the goods, but had an opponent who was content to stick it out for ten rounds without any consideration for those who paid the freight. I've seen Bivins on other occasions and I can vouch for the fact that he is a better scrapper than he appeared to be in that Garden contest.

The dreary bout was a distinct disappointment to those who had come to take a peep at this "new Cleveland sensation." It was a humiliating comedown for a man who had received reams of publicity as the prospective "duration" champ. Entering the ring a 1 to 3½ favorite, Bivins performed like a 6 to 5 shot against a man who looked and acted like a scared boy. It was Jimmy's seventh victory in eight starts for the year, and regardless of the caliber of his performance, it's the victory that counts and as victor, he remains high in the running among the heavyweights though he's only a legitimate light heavy.

He convinced the critical fans that as a light heavyweight, he's tops. He will continue to take the measure of all in that class should he care to fight in that division and will continue to defeat the smaller and lighter fellows in the higher divisions, but from all indications, the big heavyweights should be able to take his measure. That was proved to my satisfaction in two rounds of the four rounds which Savold gained, when Lee supplied the only thrills of the bout, particularly in the ninth session. With stinging punches he lifted the crowd out of its dreary atmosphere and got them to a pitch of excitement. Had he fought in other rounds as he did in that, Savold would have carried off the honors.

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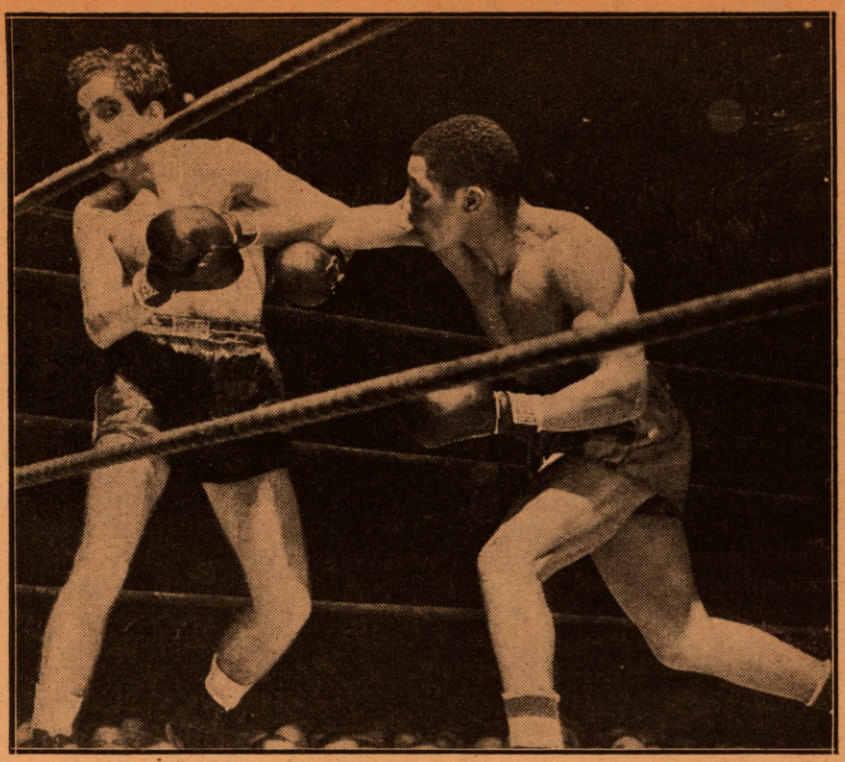
SO poor was that bout that although it previously had been reported that the winner would be pitted against the winner of the Mauriello-Nova fight, Mike Jacobs called that off. Jimmy not only didn't take New York by storm as had been predicted, but had failed to gain the support of the New Yorkers. As I remarked above, he tried desperately, but Savold didn't. The result—one of the poorest bouts seen in the Garden in many moons.



The last round of the fight between Allie Stolz and Beau Jack in which the bout was halted in the seventh round because of a deep cut on Allie's left eyelid. The defeat proved costly to Stolz who at the time was considered the logical successor to Sammy Angott, who gave up his crown.

Bivins doesn't punch hard enough to make him a formidable heavyweight contender. Billy Conn with his cleverness, and Melio Bettina, with his southpaw style of milling, can take his measure. Melio already has and I think he is too sturdy for Jimmy and would repeat if given another try. Jimmy is a good fighter. We cannot take that away from him. Any man who can lick the fellows he has whipped and win seven out of eight bouts, must have something on the ball. He has a good left. He stuck it out frequently and whenever Savold was in the way, he got it in the face, much to his embarrassment.

Bivins kept his opponent in reverse most of the night and the crowd booed, stamped and razzed. Whatever fighting was seen, took place in only two rounds, but that wasn't Bivins' fault. He flashed a stiff left and a good right cross, but unfortunately they didn't connect often enough to suit the crowd. In the seventh round not a blow of any consequence was landed and at least two score were missed, yet the contestants are rated topflight fighters among those still out of the service. That shows the caliber of the talent of today.

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IT has been proven that we don't need any "duration" champions to keep the doors of the boxing clubs open. The public has found far greater interest in preliminary fights than they have in the topnotchers who are trying to hold Louis' place for him while he is in the army. Such bouts as were recently staged as semi-finals to the "heavyweight eliminations" in Madison Square Garden, contests in which Sanders Cox faced Jimmy Carollo, were far superior to the main events. Their two bouts, the first of which ended in a draw and the second in Carollo's first defeat since he became a professional, were thrillers. They gave ample proof of my contention that from the talent still available, sufficient matches can be arranged to make it worth while for promoters to stick to their guns. On the basis of their showing, Cox and Carollo should be named in the "eliminations" for they showed something while Bivins and Savold didn't. All of which goes to prove how ridiculous this "duration" stuff is.

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TO add further to the "duration" argument, we come to the "crowning" of Alfred "Big Boy" Brown of Detroit, a cousin of Joe Louis, by the Baltimore Commission. This ordinary fighter, with only a dozen bouts to his credit and according to the newspaper stories from Baltimore, a bad second best in his bout with Lou Brooks, was not only awarded the decision over Lou but with that "honor" went the Maryland version of the "duration" championship. Now all we need, is for each state in the union to name its crown wearer, something to which each is as much entitled as is the New York Commission, and then we'll have an exact duplicate of the wrestling situation.

Won't that be fun—forty-eight champs to show up the Brown Bomber!

THERE is a secret suspicion that when the war is over and should Joe Louis and Billy Conn still be available, that the "duration" champions will be shifted to the sidelines to make way for the most logical heavyweight title fight, a bout between that pair. And should Melio Bettina be discharged from the army in good physical condition, I have a sneaky notion that he'll receive public recognition for a championship fight long before any of those who were not in the service. And then will come Bob Pastor as fourth choice should he decide on a re-entry into boxing.

Public opinion will favor the men who wore the uniform. That happened after the last war and it will be repeated following this conflict. The people won't forget those whose fighting career was cut short by a call to arms. Not if I have my finger on the fight fans' pulse.

The "crowning" of Big Boy Brown as the first of the "duration heavyweight kings," brought a laugh to fistic experts. Until recently not rated among the topflight men of his division, we now find him named the No. 1 heavyweight of the world by the Maryland State Commission.

I think it would be a good idea if every state conducted its own heavyweight tourney and when forty-eight heavyweight "champs" have been found, perhaps we can stage a Battle Royal in the Garden, the winner to be crowned Joe Louis' successor. At least we would be sure to get more action than we did out of the Savold-Bivins elimination.

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THAT the effect of the war is being felt by the fight managers and promoters is evident by the number of new faces making their appearances and the eagerness with which fight managers are taking over anyone who looks like even a fair prospect. Jimmy Johnston, for example, recently signed a young heavyweight Negro boxer, Adam Spencer, and Freddie Fiducia, a white boy, fighters for whom he never would have batted an eyelash under normal conditions.

But now things are different. The manager who always wears his derby hat tipped to one side, has assumed the managerial reins over these two because with Bob Pastor gone and all of his other battlers in the service, Jimmy finds it necessary to go to extremes in order to be able to carry on.

In all the years that Johnston has been one of the world's most famed managers, he never handled a colored boy. Not that there weren't any good ones who offered themselves to Jimmy, but because he didn't approve of having white and black boys in the same stable. He always thought that a good colored lad could do far better with one of his own race handling him, and Jimmy's arguments proved correct.

But conditions have changed. Promoters are angling for talent—any kind of talent that is even just passable. Boxers are scarce. Managers are being drawn into the service as are the fighters, hence Johnston has taken the bull by the horns and is going to try his luck with mixed fighters. "The colored race has a majority of the best fighters in all classes," says Johnston, "so I'm sure I can't go wrong on my latest acquisition."

P. S.—Spencer lost to Wallace Cross in the Garden on the Savold-Bivins card. This was his second defeat by Cross. The only ones Adams has suffered.

Bob Pastor was Jimmy's pride and it was Bob who twice whipped Fiducia. One of the decisions was hotly disputed and Derby Johnston was fit to be tied when he learned that a number of scribes didn't think Pastor had won. But Fiducia is now in the Johnston stable and it is safe to predict that it won't be long before he will be appearing in Madison Square Garden where he will be a headliner against the best of the present poor crop of heavyweights. Whether he can make the grade under Johnston's efforts, remains to be seen, but one thing is certain, he will make the Garden where he has been shunned all these years despite his good performances in Jersey where he lives. It all depends on who is the man at the helm—just wait and see.

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EVIL Eye Finkle, the man with the magnetic, hypnotizing orbs, has joined the army. Well, what of it, you might ask, and correctly so if you didn't know who Evil Eye is. In boxing, he is highly regarded as a man with extraordinary powers, a hypnotic gift that brings victory to the side for which he is working. It has been common talk in pugilistic circles that he can put the hex on the opposition side and over a stretch of three years, he has had uncanny success.

Here and there the Evil Eye record is spotty, but each time he has missed bringing victory to his man, Finkle has had a plausible excuse. If the man with "the Evil Eyes, the Lethal Lamps, the Perilous Peepers, the Horrible Orbs, the Graveyard Glims, the Hypnotic Spell, the Svengali Look," and so down the line, can practice his art on Herr Hitler, he'll do much to bring the war to an end.

The army has gained an excellent recruit in this man who boxing writers have so frequently honored with columns on days when boxing news was scarce.

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THE recent defeat of Allie Stolz by Beau Jack, has placed the Negro at the head of the list in the quest for lightweight honors. Beau Jack is favored to succeed Sammy Angott, who recently retired. However, before the colored whirlwind can lay claim to any honors, he will have to take part in an elimination tournament in which the cream of the lightweights will compete, notwithstanding the recent ruling of the New York Commission. The New York board will not be backed by public opinion in its recognition of the Beau Jack-Tippy Larkin fight as a championship affair. Instead of approving such action, the public has correctly censured the three New York Commissioners for their decision. Had the commission abided by its original decision to stage an open tournament around the country, it would have accomplished much for boxing. By ignoring other ranking lightweights in favor of the two named, it automatically lost public support.

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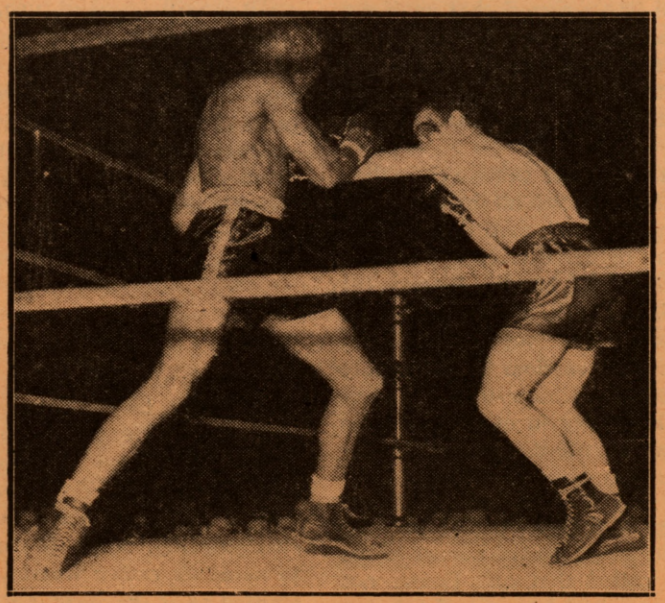
AS I remarked in a previous issue, boxing will have to call upon the youth of the land, boys below the draft age, if the sport is to continue throughout the duration. With boys of eighteen being sent to the camps, the field is being rapidly depleted of its fighting men. Boxing boards throughout the country, taking the bull by the horns, are appealing to the state legislators to grant permission for a change of the legal age for boxers, from eighteen years to sixteen. In some quarters there is bound to be some criticism, but on the whole the American public is willing to concede that if a lad of eighteen can be taken into the armed forces it won't harm to prepare him for the tough life ahead by permitting him to engage in the art of self defense professionally at sixteen. Those close to boxing view such a change as a life saver for the sport.

Let's not fool ourselves. Boys of that age *(Continued on page 45)*



Ray Robinson continues his string of victories. Here we see him in action against Victor Dellicurti who went the limit of ten rounds though he was badly battered and had a deep gash over the left eye. The cut bled freely but the officials permitted the contest to go to the end.

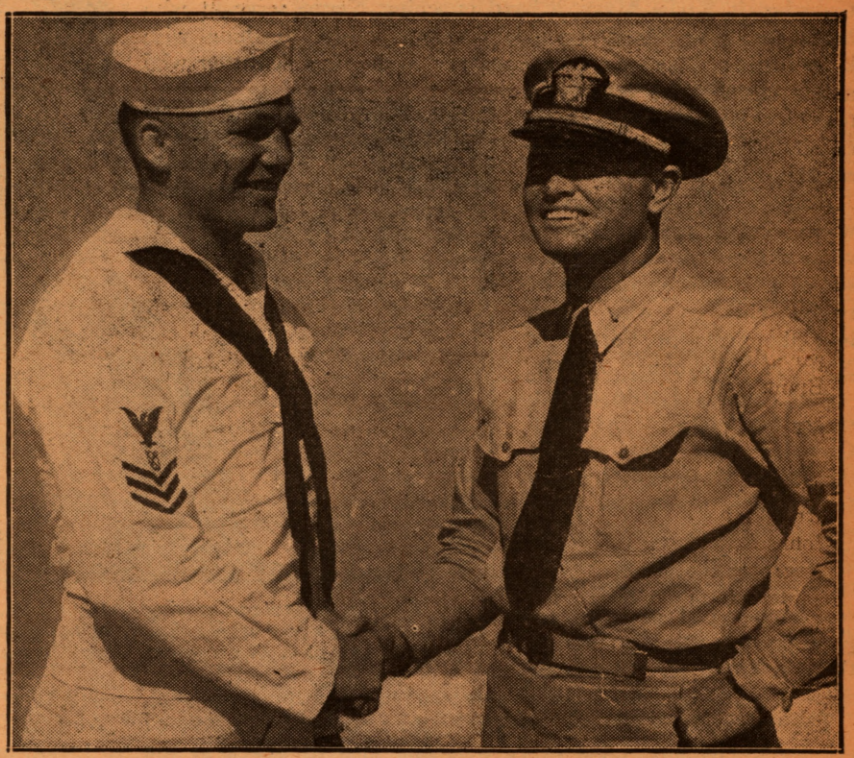
ZALE PEPS UP BOXING *in* PUERTO RICO

By J. RIVERA

THE arrival of First Class Specialist Tony Zale, middleweight champion of the world, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, to work as physical instructor at the local Naval Air Station with the Navy personnel, will definitely cause the physical training program—especially boxing—to be expanded among Navy men in this section. Thus it was announced by Lt. E. R. Bowman, Recreation Officer, at the local Navy quarters, after Zale had been interviewed for the *El Mundo*, a local paper.

Zale, who enlisted on April 9 after his bout with Billy Conn, ranking heavyweight contender, won the undisputed middleweight crown with his victory over Georgie Abrams at New York about a year ago. He volunteered, going first to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and was recently assigned by the Navy Department to work in Puerto Rico. He is the first specialist in his class to be sent down to San Juan, so his services will be more than welcome, and as Lt. Bowman said, "from now on the Navy personnel will have a complete physical training program."

"Up to now," he continued, "sailors in Puerto Rico have had their chance at physical training and boxing to a certain extent. Bouts are held frequently at the Naval Air Station and are becoming more popular every day. Navy officers hope to get more men interested in the boxing program now, and with Zale's help, they expect to have more boys in training." Lt. Bowman said, however, that it would be up to the enlisted men themselves to decide on whether they would like to participate actively.



Lieut. E. R. Bowman (right), recreation officer at the Puerto Rico Naval Base, greets Tony Zale, world middleweight champion, upon his arrival at San Juan to take over the instruction of the sailors in boxing.

Zale himself appeared interested in the possibilities. In an interview with the writer, the champ said he expected to be pretty busy. He seems to be over the 160-pound middleweight limit, but that does not bother him.

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HIS arrival coincided with the announcement of the plans for the first insular amateur boxing tournament to be held by the civilian authorities on the Island, which will probably start early in January. Both civilians and servicemen will participate. When asked by the writer whether he would be willing to help out the local boys in their training, Zale, who is an ex-Golden Glover himself, having reached the inter-city finals in 1934, said that he would be ready and willing to cooperate in the local tournament the best way he could. Of course, that would be as far as Navy regulations will allow, and as long as it does not interfere with his duties as a First Class Specialist.

He said: "However, it must always be remembered that I'm in the Navy, and I must take my orders here. But if there is anything I can do in my time off, I'm ready to do it."

Lt. Bowman, who was present during the interview—arranged through Lieut-Comdr. Harwood Hull, a long time friend of THE RING Editor, Public Relations Officer for the 10th Naval District here, said he believed there would not be any objection to having Zale give part of his own time to the local amateur boxers so long as it was within Navy regulations.

Nothing definite has yet been planned, but it is believed that Zale could do a lot of good for the boys on the Island with several lectures, giving pointers on the general work to be done while training, and also on the actual art of boxing.

THE NAVY personnel in Puerto Rico is greatly interested in the boxing program, and if plans go through, some of them will be taking part in the tournament both against other servicemen and against the local candidates. If they do, they will have been trained by the middleweight champion of the world.

Even if there were no plans for any boxing tournament, Zale's presence here as physical instructor has already given new interest to the boxing fans, both service men and civilians, Puerto Ricans and those from continental United States.

With Zale in charge of Navy candidates for this amateur tournament, and men like Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rican, former bantam king of the world, and Pedro Montanez, one of the leading lightweight and welterweight contenders in the States up to two or three years ago, training the civilian candidates, it is expected that the boys who will participate will get the best there is in instructors.

Puerto Rico is fortunate in having as Sports Editor of the Island's leading paper, *El Mundo*, Arturo Gigante, a man who is internationally known in boxing. He was responsible for bringing to the island such men as Nat Fleischer, Jack Dempsey, Lou Bronx, Lou Salica, Harry Jeffra and K. O. Morgan, and has been instrumental in the staging of amateur and Golden Gloves tournaments.

His work on behalf of boxing was highly praised in an editorial some time ago by Nat Fleischer, THE RING Editor. With Gigante to help foster Golden Gloves meets and Zale to aid in the training of the boys, the sport will be advanced here.

One thing is certain, boxing is on the upgrade here due to the efforts of Editor Gigante and will continue to thrive now that Tony Zale, world middleweight champion, is on the job.

Camp Crowder Boxing

By SGT. CHARLES LESEMANN

WITH interest in boxing ever mounting among men in the service at Camp Crowder, an impressive array of fistic stars have come into view at the Missouri signal corps station during the last few months.

One of the favorites who basks in the boxing spotlight at Crowder, is Earlie Mays, a hard punching Negro sergeant who holds the Post light-heavyweight championship. Seething with killer instinct, Mays is a savage warrior in the ring. A battler who means business, he goes in to tear his opponents apart and is especially noted for his devastating body attack.

Native of Pennsylvania where he first took up boxing while in high school, Mays, the son of a coal miner and one of twelve children, was sworn into the army at Fort Dix, N. J., in the summer of 1941.

Just recently, Earlie made a successful defense of his Camp Crowder title by soundly thrashing Corporal Louis Goodwin in a rousing five-round bout. Unleashing his deadly body assault, the Negro tore into Goodwin with furious flurries that put the corporal down for a nine-count, as the crowd of thousands cheered and applauded this pyrotechnical punching display.

Sergt. Charles Lesemann raising the hand of Sergt. Earlie Mays, who has successfully defended his post light-heavyweight championship against Corp. Louis Goodwin.

The large soldier turnout, swelled by the presence of a group of privileged civilians, filled every available inch of space in the camp's huge fieldhouse, to see the popular colored gladiator in his conquest of Goodwin. Perhaps, the most enthusiastic among the ringside observers was Earlie's bride of several weeks. Keenly interested in her husband's pugilistic achievements, Mrs. Mays keeps his scrapbook pasted with clippings and collects photos of him in boxing togs.

"I had my country to fight for before," said Sergeant Mays, "but now I'm fighting for my country and a wife, too."

Another of Crowder's sons who has a legion of followers behind him, is Mose Pointer, a big 281-pound St. Louis Negro. Mose made his first appearance in an army boxing ring last summer when he participated in a camp tournament, beating Leon Denski, of Philadelphia, in the preliminary matches, but losing a disputed decision to Stewart Verplank in the semi-finals.

In a return bout with Verplank several weeks ago, Pointer won by a goodly margin. He hit Stewart with everything in the Marquis of Queensberry book, leaving no question to be asked about the decision.

Amiable Mose has many friends. His wide, contagious grin dispels gloom and radiates happiness. Even in the ring, he smiles and grins while he works, revealing pearly white teeth that sparkle in contrast with his coal-black features.

Stewart Verplank, of the Quartermaster Detachment Corps, is a real stalwart. Before his transfer to Crowder, Verplank boxed at Fort Warren, in Wyoming. He was open class heavyweight champion in the tournament sponsored at Camp Crowder last summer.

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ONE of the classiest mittmen at the Signal Corps training center, is Corporal Harold Stevens, the welterweight flash who competed in the same tournament with Verplank and was adjudged the outstanding boxer in the final contests. The ring career of Corporal Stevens is studded with highlights. He has beaten some pretty fair boys during his long years in the roped square, and prior to entering the army, he was a Golden Gloves champion in Minneapolis.

Johnny Mudd, a Negro contender, also claims honors in the 147-pound class, along with Corporal Johnny Forlano, pride of the Quartermaster Corps, whom he recently outpointed on a camp card. Still another welter belter who seems to have worthy ambitions, is Sylvester Jobe, Negro, who knocked out Anthony Falco in his last outing.

One of the boys who had very little ring experience before coming into the army, but who now appears to be a budding prospect, is Technician Fourth Grade, Henry Rousseve. Rousseve showed considerable promise in winning his last three bouts.

Joe Capizzo, a featherweight, is another star, but unlike Rousseve, he has had a wealth of experience in Golden Gloves events. Joe is undefeated in Camp Crowder rings, and he has also scored victories over men from other posts in inter-camp meets.

Frank Torres, Leonard Grimes, Cecil McGrew and Lewis Galvani are others who have given good accounts of themselves. They're all battling boys who love to fight, but they do hope that dawn will soon break on the day when it will once again be safe for American youths to do their fighting with boxing gloves instead of with guns and bayonets.

The men in the Signal Corps have gone over the top for boxing. Camp Crowder is confident that her ring wardogs can stand up well in any kind of competition.

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IN supporting bouts on the Mays-Goodwin card, Henry Rousseve, 153 pounds, won a decision over Napoleon James; Glenn Rice, 145, outpointed Harold Flynn, 145; and Cecil McGrew, 148, slugged out a victory over Joe Balsamo. In a light-heavyweight contest, Dave Steinmuller outpointed Russell Cleek.

THE RING Magazine is much in demand among the Signal Corpsmen at Camp Crowder. Latest copies of THE RING have been placed in nearly every dayroom on the post, and the boys who read Boxing's Bible express their appreciation with considerable praise.

As one who is in daily contact with the soldiers of this camp, I daresay that THE RING is the most popular magazine among the service men. When the copies arrive here, and the boys are at leisure, one sees them thoroughly absorbed in the boxing news, especially that pertaining to their own camp.

There is a report here that the various army corps areas may have special boxing championship tournaments and if this develops, Camp Crowder should be able to turn out a fine aggregation to battle for honors. The men here are very much boxing minded. Those who don't take part in the sport, are keen rooters and they offer their whole-hearted support to the camp's programme.

Boxing is on a high level here because of the deep interest taken by the officers. This, combined with the good material, should enable Camp Crowder to reach the fistic heights so far as keeping boxing in the spotlight is concerned. The boys eagerly await the daily boxing sessions. Some follow it merely for the purpose of gaining a knowledge of self-defense but soon become so enthused that they come out for the boxing teams. *(Continued on page 43)*

Ring Ratings

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Guillermo Puentes, Colombo, S. A.; Everette Rightmire, Sioux City, Iowa; Willie Roache, Wilmington, Del.; Smokey Robinson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ray Salas, Berkeley, Calif.

Guy Serean, Nampa, Idaho; Jack Sheppard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dick Shields, Liverpool, Eng.; Walter Stevens, Newark, N. J.; Ivor Thomas, Pontypridd, Eng.; Joey Varoff, New York City, N. Y.; Henry Vasquez, New York City; Toby Vigil, Los Angeles, Calif.; Manuel Villagran, Mexico City; Charlie Williams, Newark, N. J.; Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.; Oscar Wright, Washington, D. C.; George Zengaras, New York City, N. Y.; Phil Zwick, Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

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Charley Aldrich, Newark, N. J.; Bobby Allard, Lynn, Mass.; Eddie Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tommy Allen, Manchester, Eng.; Joe Amico, Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry Andrews, Australia; Johnny Antuna, San Francisco, Calif.; Tino Ascasio, Hollywood, Calif.; Mario Baeza, Havana, Cuba; Speedy Baldwin, El Paso, Texas; Dario Baron, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Paul DeBello, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Kid Delaney, Australia; Mike Delia, Los Angeles, Calif.; Minnie DeMore, Trenton, N. J.; Floriant Desmarais, Manchester, N. H.; Eric Dolby, Derby, Eng.; Jiggs Donahue, Philadelphia, Pa.; Matt Dougherty, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jimmy Doyle, Hollywood, Calif.; Leo Dulmaine, Worcester, Mass.; Joey Dunne, Jacksonville, Fla.

Freddie Duval, Highland Park, N. J.; Joe Echevarria, Spain; Young Llew Edwards, Australia; Charley Eschman, Cincinnati, Ohio; Billy Fadden, Australia; Len Fay, Australia; Dave Finn, Stepney, Eng.; Young Finnegan, Colon, Panama; Ritchie Fontaine, Montana; Freddie Foran, Hartford, Conn.; Lou Fortuna, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pete Galiano, Baltimore, Md.

Johnny Garcia, San Francisco, Calif.; Ruby Garcia, Puerto Rico; Harry Gentile, Hartford, Conn.; Young Gildo, Australia; Al Gomez, Chicago, Ill.; Lupe Gonzales, Mexico City; Georgie Hansford, Los Angeles, Calif.; Georgie Harper, Asbury Park, N. J.; Texas Lee Harper, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harry Hitlian, Worcester, Mass.; Jerry Hoffman, Milwaukee, Wis.

Wally Holm, Minneapolis, Minn.; Bobby Holt, Danbury, Conn.; Eddie Hudson, San Francisco, Calif.; Herschel Joiner, Cincinnati, Ohio; Nat Litfin, New York City, N. Y.; Pete Manchio, Greenwich Village, N. Y.; Eddie Marcus, Ocean Park, Calif.

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Carl Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lou Trafton, Jacksonville, Fla.; Vince Tuminello, Baltimore, Md.; Jimmy Varketta, Cleveland, Ohio; Moe Weiss, Haverhill, Mass.; Dick Wheller, Bournemouth, Eng.; Jerry Zullo, Chelsea, Mass.

Featherweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
2—Chalky Wright, Durango, Mexico.
3—Lulu Costantino, New York City.

(Group 2)

1—Sal Bartola, Boston, Mass.
2—Mike Raffa, Newell, W. Va.
3—Benny Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.
4—Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Cal.
5—Jackie Callura, Hamilton, Ontario, Can.
6—Davey Crawford, Brooklyn, N. Y.
7—Nel Tarleton, Liverpool, Eng.
8—Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
9—Leon Haire, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Bill Speary, Nanticoke, Pa.
11—Eddie Miller, Australia.

(Group 3)

1—National Kid, Havana, Cuba.
2—Pedro Hernandez, New York City.
3—Horace Mann, San Francisco, Cal.
4—Warren Kendall, Tonyrefell, Eng.
5—Mike Belloise, New York City.
6—Bobby "Poison" Ivy, Hartford, Conn.
7—Vince Dell 'Orto, New York City.
8—Kid Tanner, British Guiana.
9—Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
10—Larry Bolvin, Providence, R. I.
11—Joey Archibald, Providence, R. I.
12—Johnny Forte, Philadelphia, Pa.
13—Jimmy Gilligan, Buffalo, N. Y.

(Group 4)

(Listed Alphabetically)

Frankie Archie, New Brunswick, Conn.; Spider Armstrong, Toronto, Canada; Kid Arnold, New Orleans, La.; Gordon Ashun, Bootle, Eng.; Dom Bacola, Baltimore, Md.; Billy Barton, Blackpool, Eng.; Johnny Bashara, Baltimore, Md.; Len Beynon, Swansea, Eng.; Patsy Brandino, Hamilton, Ont.; Sonny Brents, Louisville, Ky.

Panama Al Brown, Panama; Tommy Bryant, Australia; Billy Buckley, Fall River, Mass.; Angelo Callura, Hamilton, Ont.; Harry Cohen, Australia; Dick Corbett, Bethnal Green, Eng.; Vic Corchado, Puerto Rico; Baby Coullimber, Havana, Cuba.

Cris Crispin, Honolulu; Carlos Cuebas, Puerto Rico; Dynamite Daniels, Newark, N. J.; Eddie DeAngelis, Revere, Mass.; Johnny Dell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Abe Denner, Boston, Mass.; Frankie Donato, Philadelphia, Pa.; Red Doyle, Boston, Mass.; Chester Ellis, Kansas City, Mo.; Dom Fiantini, Reading, Pa.

Les Fitzgerald, Australia; Lefty Flynn, Jamaica, B. W. I.; Kid Fortune, Colon, Panama; Frank Franconeri, Bayonne, N. J.; Sammy Garcia, Boston, Mass.; Al Guido, New York City; Freddie Herrmann, Elizabeth, N. J.; Chico Hernandez, Puerto Rico.

Young Herrera, Panama; Henry Hook, Indianapolis, Indiana; Joey Iannotti, New Haven, Conn.; Bert Jackson, Fleetwood, Eng.; Joey Kushner, Rochester, N. Y.; Snooks Lacey, New Haven, Conn.

Lefty LaChance, Lewiston, Me.; Paul Tennessee Lee, Indianapolis, Indiana; Diogenes Leon, New York City, N. Y.; Gus Levine, New York City, N. Y.; Al Luciano, Boston, Mass.

Johnny McGrory, Glasgow, Scotland; Terry McStravick, Belfast, Ireland; Johnny Marcelline, Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy Marcus, Hartford, Conn.; Joey Marinelli, Dayton, Ohio; Sammy Medina, Panama; Al Medrano, Ocean Park, Calif.

Kayo Morgan, Stamford, Conn.; Baby Nelson, Panama; Curley Nichols, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jackie Nichols, Gary, Ind.; Bobby O'Brien, Hartford, Conn.

Benny Olaciregui, Panama; Rusty Orquita, Sacramento, Calif.; Billy Pinti, Rome, N. Y.; Pedro Poey, Havana, Cuba; Jackie Rankin, Southall, Eng.; Wilce Rivera, Puerto Rico; Joe Robleto, Pasadena, Calif.; Ossie Rodriguez, New York City, N. Y.; Bobby Root, Corona, N. Y.; Jose Domingo Rozo, Colombia, South America.

Frankie Rubino, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Chick Sanchez, Mexico City; Al Sforza, Boston, Mass.; Aaron Seltzer, New York City, N. Y.; Tom Smith, Sunderland, Eng.; Diego Sosa, Havana, Cuba; Joey Stack, Philadelphia, Pa.; Curley St. Angelo, New York City, N. Y.

Jimmy Stubbs Roncorn, Eng.; Phil Terranova, New York City, N. Y.; Aurel Toma, Rumania; Joe Aponte Torres, Puerto Rico, Leocaddeo Torres, Panama; Reg Tozer, Australia.

Lou Transparenti, Baltimore, Md.; Young Tunney, Panama; Paco Villa, Mexico City; Juan Villalba, Havana, Cuba; Jimmy Warren, New York City; Joey Wasnick, New Haven, Conn.; Syd Worgan, Llanharan, Eng.; Freddie Yellavich, Rochelle Park, N. J.; Kid Young, Australia.

Bantamweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles, Cal.
2—Lou Salica, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—David Kui Kong Young, Honolulu, Hawaii.
4—Jim Brady, Dundee, Scotland.
5—Ham Wiloby, Corona, Long Island, N. Y.
6—Rush Dalma, Philippine Islands.
7—Stan Mott, Australia.
8—Mario Morales, Havana, Cuba.

(Group 2)

1—Kid Zefine, Panama.
2—Tony Olivera, Oakland, Calif.
3—Leonardo Lopez, Panama.
4—Luis Castillo, Panama.
5—Lorenzo Safora, Havana, Cuba.
6—Stan Shaw, Australia.
7—Freddie Pope, Columbus, Ohio.
8—Mickey Carr, Australia.
9—Kenny Lindsay, Vancouver, B. C., Canada.
10—Alberto Pena, Cuba.
11—Ken Stanford, Australia.
12—Les Brookes, Australia.

(Group 3)

(Listed Alphabetically)

Mimmie Adragna, Munhall, Pa.; Kid Svilla, Chorrillo, Panama; Alvin "Red" Barker, Salt Lake City, Utah; Billy Breezy, Panama; Baby San Blas, Panama; Bobby Carroll, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ronnie Clayton, Blackpool, England.

Jackie Connelly, Long Island City, N. Y.; Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Calif.; Nat Corum, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tony Costa, Woonsocket, R. I.; George Freitas, San Jose, Calif.; Raul Garcia, Puerto Rico.

Allan Hall, Australia; Johnny Juliano, Paterson, N. J.; Leo LeBron, Montreal, Canada; Ralph McNeil, Newark, N. J.; Donnie Maes, Denver, Colo.; Irving Magid, New York City, N. Y.; Horace Mann, San Francisco, Calif.

Samuel Medina, Panama; Henry Moreno, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mario Pacheco, Havana, Cuba; Pal Palmer, Battersea, Eng.; Little Pancho, Manila; Young Jack Renault, Colon, Panama; Elwood Romero, Sacramento, Calif.; Earl Roys, Bristol, Conn.; Adolph Samuels, Hawaii; Billy Williams, Australia; Jackie Wilson, Australia.

Flyweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Peter Kane, England.
2—Jackie Paterson, Glasgow, Scotland.
3—Joe Curran, Liverpool, Eng.
4—Little Dado, Philippine Islands.
5—Sammy Reynolds, Wolverhampton, Eng.
6—Norman Lewis, Nantymoel, Eng.
7—Humberto Espinosa, Havana, Cuba.
8—Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, Eng.

(Group 2)

(Listed Alphabetically)

Spud Arnold, Newcastle, Australia; Gerardo Beckford, Panama; Ronnie Bishop, Wales; Frankie Bonsor, Nottingham, England; Lew Brooks, Melbourne, Australia; Hugh Cameron, Scotland; Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Calif.; Les Feignan, Newcastle, Australia; Young Gibson, Panama; Billy Hazzlegrove, Brighton, Eng.; Teddy Lawler, Australia; Dado Marino, Philippines; Paddy Ryan, Manchester, Eng.; Fred Roberts, Australia; Johnny Summers, Edinburgh, Scotland; Larry Torpey, Philadelphia, Pa.

WISCONSIN NEWS

By MATT DOUGHERTY

BILLY MITCHELL'S Twentieth Century boxing club staged a state lightweight title bout between Quentin (Baby) Breese and Matt Dougherty. Breese had filed his challenge to the NBAA for Angott's vacated throne, and Dougherty questioned his right to assume he was the state's best representative for the forthcoming eliminations.

Baby Breese disproved this contention by beating Dougherty decisively in a 10-round bout at the Auditorium. Dougherty had an edge in the early rounds by outmaneuvering and outstabbing Breese. But Breese slowed him down to a walk about the midway point with hard hooks to the body and from there in, outpunched his less dangerous opponent. The commission refused to give Breese the state title, however, because he was over the weight at 135½.

Doll Rafferty continued to rise by outscoring Al Reasoner in the six round semi. Rafferty floored Reasoner three times and won decisively but the crowd thought he was too cautious.

Jack Hill had little trouble winning from Bishop Murphy in another six. The rotund fighter was a humorous spectacle to the fans but showed he could fight.

Tommy James stopped Bobby Berger in the sixth, after Berger had been on the floor three times. Berger seems to have little interest in the fight game and puts an equal amount of effort into his attempts. Vince Calzaretta pounded out a TKO win over Lou Campbell in four rounds of the opening bout by outboxing and outpunching his colored opponent.

FROM THE PRESS ROW: Promoters Al Fain and Billy Mitchell are vieing with each other for the choice bouts and the best dates, which means a stimulated interest in state fight circles . . . Dutch Ullmer is in the midst of a successful comeback.

Milwaukee boxers are becoming more and more scarce as service in our fighting forces calls them. Billy Pierce is with the Marines at San Diego. His brother, Jim, is in a Kentucky army camp. Don Wallenfang, Georgie Feltes, and their erstwhile manager, Ray Heling, are deeply engrossed in their armed duties. Annunzio Ferraro has been discharged with faulty vision. Your correspondent is en route to the Iowa Preflight school to begin his training.

We would like, at this time, to extend our best wishes to Nat Fleischer, his staff, and all THE RING readers who have made writing this column such a pleasure.

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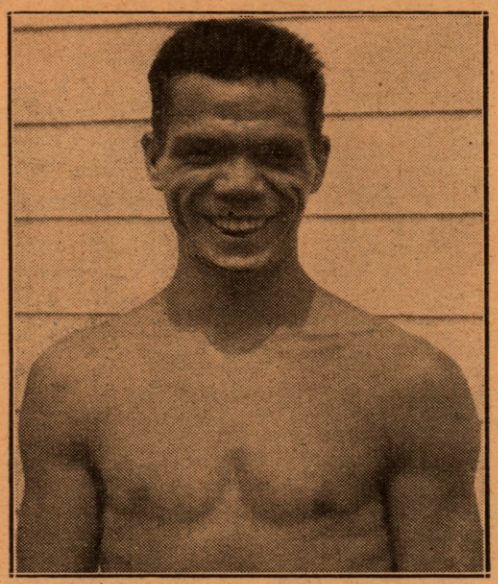
The Ring's Honor Roll

Professionals and Amateurs Shine in All Combat Zones — Johnny Rivers and Johnny Stienbracher Meet Hero's Deaths — Former Mayor Coyne Rejoins Navy — Bob Frailey Tells Thrilling Story of Attack on "Yorktown"

By JIMMY HEARNS

HEROIC deeds of some of America's greatest athletes have been broadcast with frequency since the United States armed forces started their big Solomon Islands and North African drives. Men whose names have been spread over the sports pages in recent years in practically every branch of athletics, have been honored by our commanding generals for outstanding performances in the face of enemy attacks, or of daring exploits in the air or by submarine.

Boxing, though it has contributed the largest number of athletes to the cause, more than 2100 pros and amateurs, including twenty-six present day and former holders of championships, has had its share of glory, with many of its stars serving in every branch of the armed forces and a number on the high seas with our Merchant Marine. Until a few weeks ago, only a few of our boxers had been reported as having suffered injuries, but it was not until the Marines went after the Japs early in November, that any of the boys met death in action. A number, including Barney Ross, have been cited for bravery.



Johnny Rivers, heroic Philadelphia boxer, who died while helping quell an attack on embattled Guadalcanal.

Johnny Rivers, a good pro boxer from Philadelphia and Johnny Stienbracher, one of the outstanding amateur performers in the Middle and South Atlantic districts, were killed in action in the Marines' Guadalcanal assault on the sneaky yellow men. Stienbracher had a splendid record as a simon-pure. He performed in a number of Golden Gloves tournaments and won the highest honors in contests in Virginia and North Carolina.

Stienbracher hails from Richmond, Virginia.

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Pete Scalzo, former featherweight title holder, who has joined the Army.

THE death of Rivers came to the attention of the boxing fans from another hero who fought at his side, Marine Private Albert A. Schmidt. Our readers who listened to the thrilling tale of the Tenaru River campaign told over the air during Marine Week celebration recently, will recall that Pvt. Schmidt was brought from the Guadalcanal sector to San Francisco to recuperate from wounds received in action.

When the Navy released the incredible saga of how a young Marine, with the help of his equally courageous two comrades, slew more than 200 Japanese while defending an important position on the Tenaru River on embattled Guadalcanal, it released a story to America that thrilled a nation and brought record enlistments to the Marines.

Private Schmidt, who also comes from Philadelphia, survived the hell of a machine gun nest in the Solomon Islands, though he was blinded in one eye and wounded in other parts of the body. It was from his hospital cot in San Diego, Cal., that the tale emanated which caused a stir in pugilistic circles.

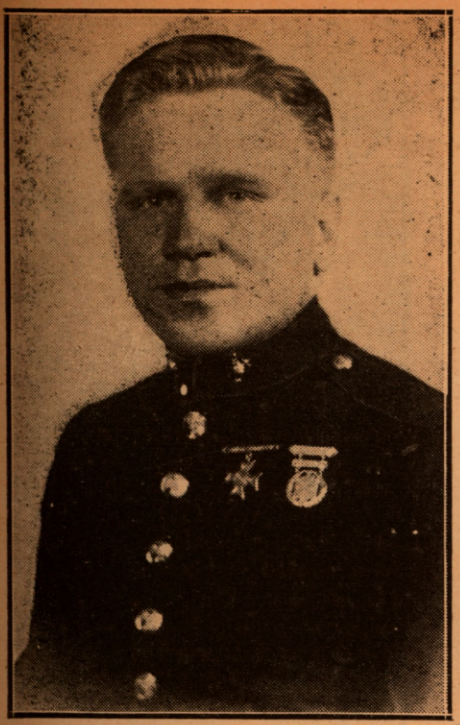
One paragraph quoting Albert on the battle went:

"Johnny Rivers, one of my buddies, swept our machine gun to and fro and the wading Japs started crumpling in the water. I was loading the gun. Rivers was a 23-year-old lad from Philadelphia, who had been a professional boxer before he entered the Marines and he feared no one. Johnny got it in the face. He dropped and I grabbed his machine gun. Lee Diamond, the third man in our hole and our squad leader, laid Johnny aside as best he could and started feeding the gun. When the battle was over we found poor Johnny was dead. He had mowed down dozens of Japs who were trying to reach the shore. They fell like flies as Johnny raked them with machine-gun fire."

The above tells all that can be said of how Johnny Rivers upheld the tradition of the Fighting Marines and carved for himself a niche in the Fistic Hall of Fame. He and his two buddies slew more than 200 Japs.

As for the facts available to the writer, we can commence by saying that Johnny was a South American Indian who was Americanized and took up residence in the Pennsylvania Lehigh Valley. At the age of eighteen, Johnny started his amateur boxing which was to lead to a lofty perch in the fistic firmament. The Indian lad, under the tutelage of Lew Brown, boxing instructor at the Bethlehem Boys' Club, Bethlehem, Pa., went through a two-year career as a simon-pure. Careful supervision, well spaced bouts and a diligent training schedule, served to transform Johnny into a deft and re-

Young in heart, James Coyne, former mayor of Malden, Mass., has returned to the Navy in the role of an engineer. He was in the last war and is a former boxer of note.



Devil Dog Bob Frailey of Lancaster, Pa. Bob's thrilling account of the sinking of the carrier "Yorktown" and of other battles in which he participated, make interesting reading.

that Rivers entered the Marines. He lived up to the statement made about him in a story in "Making the Grade," published in the November, 1940, issue of this magazine, in which it was said—"The future will speak for itself. Just remember Johnny Rivers. It's a name you'll be hearing." Yes, the name was most certainly heard around the world.

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LANCASTER fight fans gave Bob Frailey a homecoming he'll never forget. The star amateur of the St. Joseph's Catholic Club, coached by Johnny Hauck, took time out from visiting his friends on his return home on a furlough from the Pacific combat zone, to compete in Hauck's show, and what a reception he received! Bob, a member of the Fighting Marines who saw service in the Midway battle, punched out a three round victory over Ray Machinski of Wilkes-Barre at the St. Joe Club gym, and the reception he got there, he'll never forget, wherever he is, throughout his entire life.

Husky Bob, who before joining the United States Marines was studying for the ministry at Franklin and Marshall, took Ray's Sunday punch for the first round and then began to pile on the heft himself, dumping Ray for a count of nine in the second heat and then duplicating the feat twice in the final round to win the verdict in a walk. Bob weighed 153, while Machinski tipped in at 158.

Pvt. Frailey was on the USS *Yorktown* when that carrier was sunk by the Japanese several months ago. He was under fire for some time and according to the reports, carried on with calmness and courage and was one of the survivors of the attack that ended with the *Yorktown* going down.

Here, in part is Pvt. Frailey's own story of the battles:

"None of us seemed to realize fully the seriousness of the situation as we waited for a wave of Japanese bombers to get sourceful ring gladiator.

He made splendid progress in the ranks of the paid performers. In his third fight he trounced Rocky Luciano, a pretty good wind-up boxer. Johnny went on to meet sturdy pugilists like Saverio Turiello, Andy Kodak, and others.

It was shortly after the outbreak of the war within range of our anti-aircraft guns, but when the bombs started to splash into the sea around us, everybody went into action.

"I was a member of the anti-aircraft gun crew of the *Yorktown*.

"We left Pearl Harbor in the belief we were out to intercept the Japanese fleet which was rumored to be on its way to Australia. We didn't see much action, however, until May 4 when the *Yorktown's* fliers raided Tulagi and sank 15 ships in the harbor.

"The Marines had little to do on that occasion because there were very few enemy aircraft in sight. On May 7, our 'airdales' sank a Jap carrier in something like seven minutes, and that apparently brought the enemy out.

"The Jap bombers came the next morning. Wave after wave of dive bombers and torpedo ships attacked us but our fliers were on the job, and when some of the Nippos did get through our anti-aircraft guns blasted them to pieces.

"It was all over in 26 minutes—the hottest 26 minutes of my life. The Nips scored one bomb hit, completely destroying the Marine compartment, but not many of them got away. Gosh, you should have seen the first bomber that attacked us. It was blasted to bits."

Frailey went on to relate that Gunnery officers aboard the *Yorktown* estimated that approximately seven of the attacking Jap planes got safely away.

"Midway was next," Frailey continued in giving his interview to the Lancaster *New Era*. "The dive bombers came at us first. The sky was full of them, and at last four bombs found their mark. But none of those yellow boys lived to tell their friends about it. That attack set the ship afire as well as stopping it, and we had to fight flames as well as planes. When the fire was put out and the ship was under way again, she could do only 12 knots.

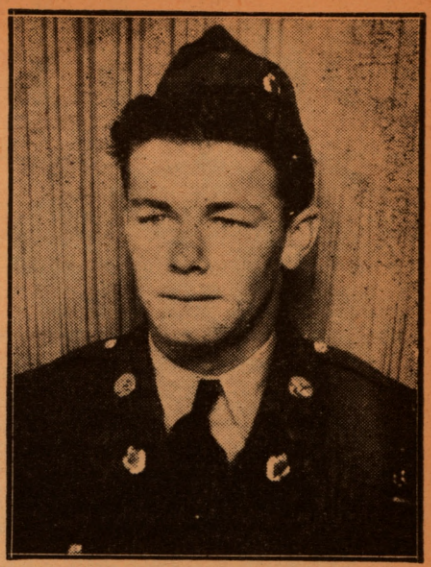
"That made us an easy prey for the torpedo planes. Captain Buckmaster (Capt. Elliott Buckmaster, USN, of Columbus, Ohio), was really a master at dodging torpedoes, but at 12 knots he was working under a terrific handicap.

"The torpedoes hit us, knocking out the *Yorktown's* tower and tilting it to such a dangerous angle that Captain Buckmaster gave the order to abandon ship.

"I was in the water for two hours before they picked me up. The ships that picked us up took us back to Honolulu and we had to stay there for three months, until the Navy Department released the story of the *Yorktown's* sinking."

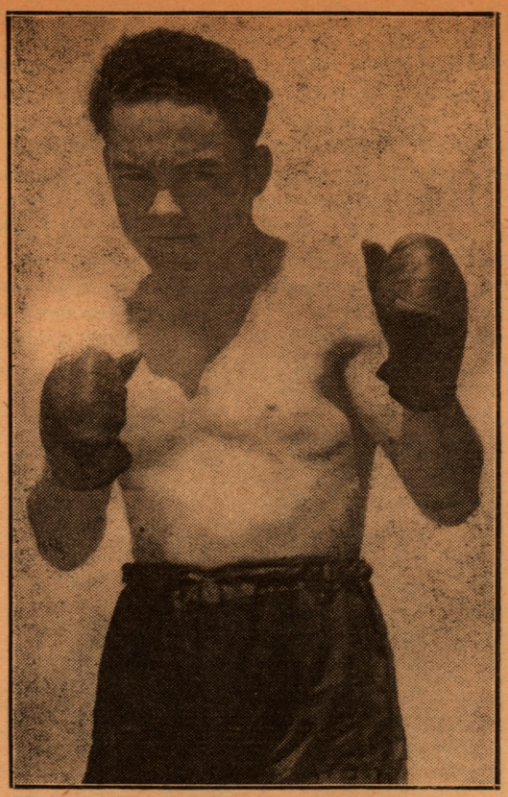
Frailey, who is 22, enlisted in the Marine Corps in March, 1941,

Here is Randy Brown of Mount Vernon, N. Y., a good welterweight headliner, now sporting the khaki.

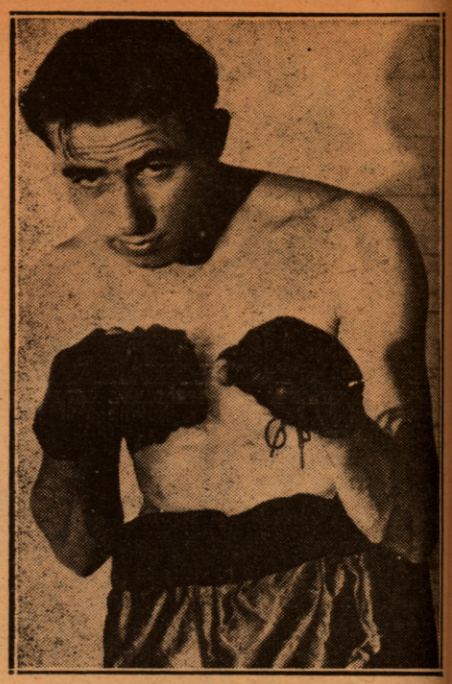


Boston, the home of many famous amateurs, has sent to the Army one of its most talented simon-pures. He is Jiggs Walsh, now a corporal.

A trip to Florida is what Petey Sarron, the one-time feather king, received when he was shipped to the Officers' Candidates School in Miami.



Jimmy "Kidd" Hatcher, Salt City, S. C., star lightweight, who has entered the Coast Guard.



Paratrooper Tom Hilton, who hails from Columbus, Miss., and is stationed at Camp Shelby.

while he was a student at Franklin and Marshall College. He was stationed aboard the *Yorktown* for almost a year prior to the battle.

Frailey has a sister in the service, too. Lieut. Emily Frailey is a member of the Army Nursing Corps stationed in Panama.

She enlisted just one month before her brother, in February, 1941, and was transferred to Panama at Christmas.

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MILO THEODORESCU, Roumanian middleweight, who campaigned in this country for a number of years, has become an American citizen and so grateful was he at passing his final tests, that he enlisted in the Army and is now a private at Camp Belvoir. Milo, writing to THE RING, outlines his hopes by saying:

"I have much to be thankful for this year. While my people are being downtrodden by the Hitlerites and the Fascists of Italy, I have been permitted to become an American citizen. It is an honor for which I cannot express myself in words, but for which I shall do all in my power as a soldier of my adopted country, to show due appreciation. I may not be in the top ranks as a pugilist any more, but if the Army Relief Fund can make use of my services at any time, I shall deem it a favor to be permitted to fight absolutely for nothing.

"I was once an officer in the Roumanian Army and because of my knowledge, I have been granted permission to attend the Officers' Training School. If I should be commissioned a lieutenant in the U. S. Army, something I pray for and feel confident I will be successful in accomplishing, my greatest desire will be to get combat duty overseas, for a chance to get a crack at those who have ruined my people."

Well, Milo, we hope you get your chance. You are a credit to your Fatherland and a credit to the land of your adoption. America feels proud of you. You are one of several thousand boxers now serving our country.

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IN this issue we have the honor to publish the photograph of one of our outstanding fistic fans, James Coyne, former Mayor of Malden, Mass., a reader of THE RING since its inception. Coyne gained his knowledge of boxing in the old days when he was a master of the hit-and-getaway art in Birmingham, England, home of some of the world's greatest fighters of all time. He is far beyond the age of enlistment but got into the service nevertheless.

He is an engineer who served in the last war and after considerable pleading, his services were accepted again for the present conflict. The service is fortunate in this latest acquisition.

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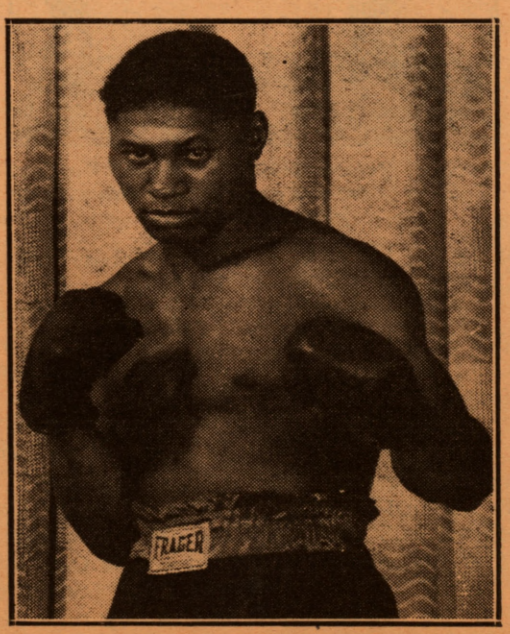
CHRIS DUNDEE cheerfully bade farewell to three more of his gloved gladiators in the past month or two. Dundee has contributed a host of good boys from his stable to the armed forces. Georgie Abrams, Ken Overlin, Willie Pavlovich, Nickie Camarata and Irish Eddie Dunne are but a few of his lads who have trouped off to some one of the multi-pronged branches of the service. All told he has fourteen men in uniform.

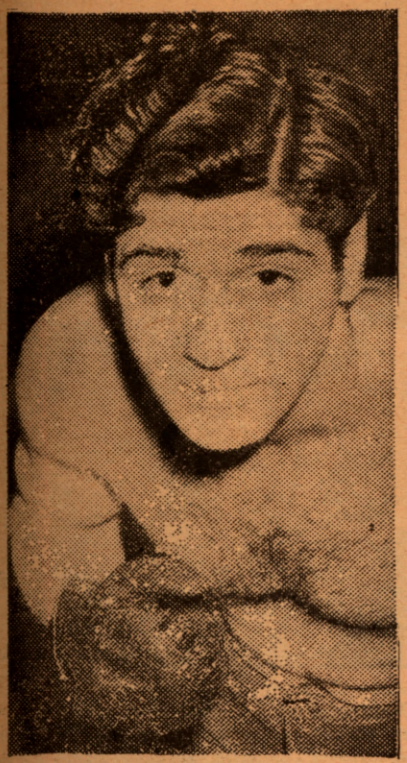
His latest are Sanders Cox, heavyweight; Randy Brown, colored Mt. Vernon, N. Y., welterweight, and Warren Dean, Richmond, Va., bantamweight. Cox joined the Air Force and the other lads are in the Army. Brown is a capable lad who has fought around New York clubs with success. Randy has won over Danny Kapilow, ranking Brooklynite; Jerry Fiorello, Larney Moore, Billy Carrigan and others of like caliber. Randy is originally out of Summerville, S. C., and is twenty-two years of age. He was a crack amateur, winning both the Diamond Belt *(Continued on page 42)*



Charles Pate, a leather slinger from the Mid-West, soldiering for Uncle Sam. He is a former star Golden Gloves performer.

ROOKIES *of the* RING

By FRED EISENSTADT



Joe "Big Boy" Carilli, giant young heavy, who looms as a good prospect.

JOE (BIG BOY) CARILLI

AT Pompton Lakes in Joe Louis' training camp, the champion was prepping himself for his title bout with Buddy Baer, to be held in Washington almost two weeks later. Louis was sparring with a tall white boy, when the unforeseen happened—the champion toppled to the canvas from an overhand right to the jaw.

That "tall white boy" who had dropped the world's heavyweight champion was Joe (Big Boy) Carilli of Hartford, Conn., who had just turned pro. For two consecutive years he had won the Connecticut amateur heavyweight championship, 1937-38, the first year while only sixteen years old and scaling 177 pounds. He still remains the youngest amateur champion in any class in that state. As an amateur, he knocked out 34 of 58 opponents as definite proof that he packs a potent wallop.

Still young, he looked like a good prospect until he bumped into heavy hitting Wally Cross a few weeks ago and was knocked cold in less than a round. The Connecticut lad stands 6 feet 3 inches tall and scales about 210 pounds. He is a standup boxer with a good left hand and a hard right. Carilli is an all-around athlete, being a three-letter man at Hartford Public High School. He was a member of the football, basketball, and track teams and was offered a chance to go to the University of Connecticut but declined when he learned that he would have to give up professional boxing.

Carilli is the sole support of his crippled father and supported his ailing mother before her death six months ago. He has been trained by his older brother, Sam, who has been with him to the camps of Louis, Billy Conn, Lou Nova, and Gus Lesnevich, where he worked as a sparring partner. He boxed 56 rounds with Louis at camp.

He has beaten Jabbo Kenner, George Fuller, Al Smith, Sam Maltempo, Gunboat Miller, among others. He has scored kayoes over George Stovall, Elliott Lindy, Eddie Gates, Johnny Lesko, Marshall Grosso, Phil Zwick, Tiger Flowers, Jackie Harris, Phil Brousseau, and Tiger Joe Moore.

He dropped two close decisions to Adam Spencer, James J. Johnston's latest heavyweight threat, the last time in Madison Square Garden on the Lee Savold-Tami Mauriello card. He lost his first main event a close decision to Jimmy DeChard in Washington, where he has established himself as a big favorite.

He is managed by Lou Viscusi and is now being trained by Bill Gore, the man who brought Melio Bettina to the fore. Gore, who is one of the best trainers in the business, thinks highly, as did the late Jack Blackburn, of the Big Boy's chances of making the grade.

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Frankie Best, a newcomer to the pro ranks from Fredonia, N. J.

BOBBY ROOT

ALL that Bobby Root needs is a knockout punch to make him an outstanding featherweight and his manager, Jack Toner, feels that the boy will soon possess that. Root is an exceptionally fast and clever boxer. His left jab is excellent. He is amazingly quick to take advantage of an opening and shoot in a left hook or fire his right to the head or body. Since turning pro, the colored boy has won 18 contests, boxed two draws and lost three bouts.

Bobby Root, a clever featherweight, who hails from New York.

He trounced such scrappers as Oscar Lewis, Hi-Ho Silver, Tony Rizzo, Johnny Cockfield and Herbie Kronowith. He evened matters with Bobby Henderson for holding him to a draw by beating him twice. His other even battle was with the thoroughly experienced Johnny Compo; which, for a youngster, amounts to a victory. In his last start Root lost a close duke to Ray Brown.

Born in Corona, L. I., on April 18, 1922, Bobby Root graduated from public school and had two years of high school. At the age of 15, he began to box at the Police

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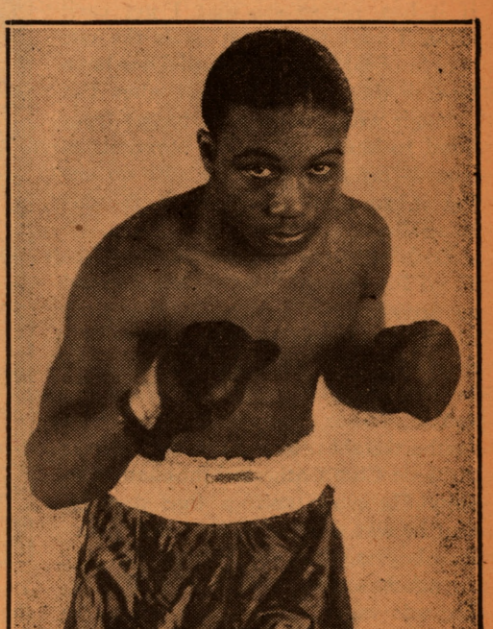
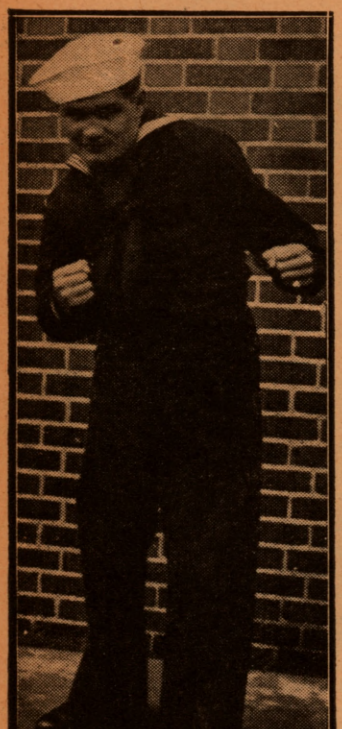


Jerry Moore, a young lightweight, who stands out.

BOXERS in the SERVICE



Curley Nichols, star New York featherweight, in Navy.

A fighting group of the A.A.F. Technical Training Command. Samples of the tough physical specimens turned out by Scott Field's rugged new calisthenics program are these boxing champions, crowned after long elimination tournaments at the parent radio school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. Left to right: First row—Pvts. Roy Galbadan, 13th Tech. Sch. Sq.; Jackie Simmons, 46th; Jackie Smith, 561st; Ross Calco, 30th; David Boxer, 11th; and Mike Pascuzzi, 369th. Second row—Pvts. Art Saulsgiver, 370th; Paul Geraghty, Medics; Phillip Ricci, 368th; Joe Ryan, 561st; LeRoy Sabatini, 369th; and Leonard Wigon, 561st.

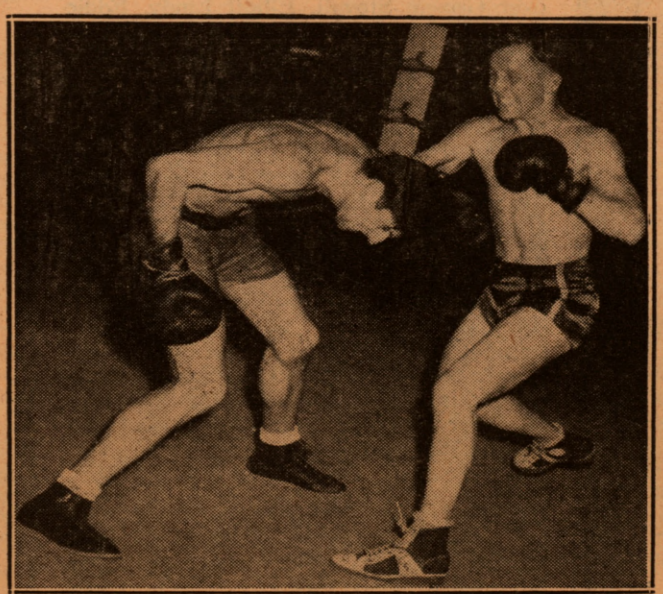
JACK BALLENGER

FROM Chicago came a letter a few weeks ago from the father of John Ballenger, whose record as an amateur boxer is well known in boxing circles in this country, asking that THE RING Editor be informed that Jack is a member of the United States Marines serving in the Southern Pacific combat zone. The former captain of the C.Y.O. team in 1941, and member of the United States team that fought in the Hawaiians at Soldier Field, sent this message to his dad:

"I don't know whether my subscription to THE RING has expired, dad, but if it has, please see that I get each issue. I hate to miss it. It is the one source of boxing information we have here in this tough spot and when I'm through with my book, it passes from hand to hand among the other members of my company. We sure do enjoy it, so please see that it is continued."

Dad Ballenger sent the letter to THE RING Editor and THE RING is proud to present in this issue a little piece about this champion who is now engaged in a bigger fight than amateur boxing. As a member of Chicago's C.Y.O. team, he won the 1939 featherweight title and the 1940 Illinois Athletic Club featherweight championship. He made such a fine showing that he was selected to lead the American boys against the Hawaiians.

Jack has a fine record as a Marine. He was eager to be sent overseas to battle the Japs and made an early enlistment. His wish was granted a few months after her served his time in rookie training and for many months now he has been in the Pacific area. Whether he has seen action against the Japs, his dad cannot say because the lad is not permitted to write home about that. We all know, however, that John Ballenger will



These soldiers at Scott Field are eager to get a crack at the Japs and in order to be in trim, they practice tossing punches at each other. Recently those in the above photo engaged in the Post championship tournament. Pvt. Joseph De Vito (right) socks Pvt. Chester Ross during a welterweight bout, but Ross came through to win the decision.

Walter Michaels, a boxer managed by Joe Poodles of Baltimore, is a member of the United States Naval Reserve at Norfolk

give as great an account of himself as a Devildog as he did when he fought for medals.

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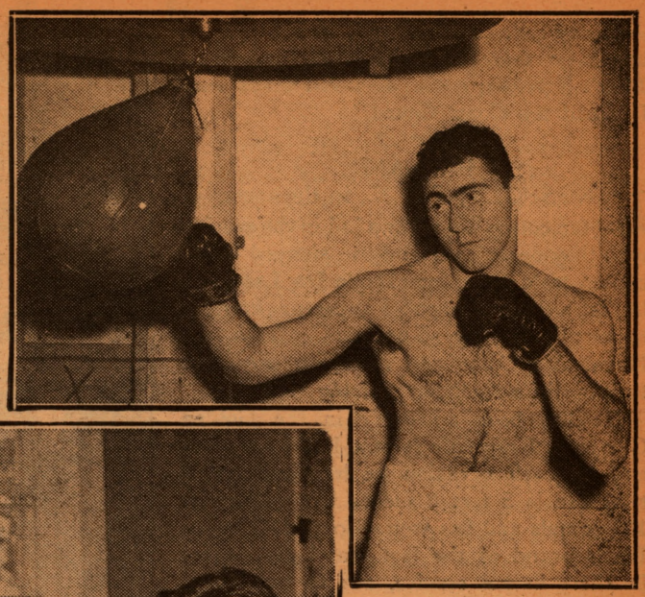
LEO CAMPIONE

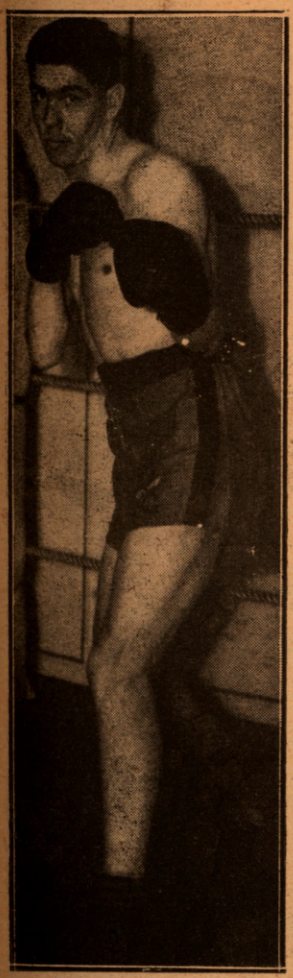
MICHIGAN, the home of some of America's best amateur fighters, is well represented in the various branches of the services. Among the outstanding boxers of that state who have donned the uniform, is Pvt. Leo Campione of the Headquarters Co., at Gilroy, on the Pacific Coast. Campione is a light heavyweight. He won the Michigan State Golden Gloves crown in that division in 1940. After putting on weight, he decided to turn professional and competed in the recent "White Hope" tournament in which he gained the quarter finals. He lost in that round to Texas Jack Marshall who in turn dropped the final match to Lee Savold.

Leo is 6 feet tall and now scales 204 pounds. He says army life agrees with him and that the excellent quality of the food given the soldiers has made him put on weight despite the fact that he is in training. In a message to THE RING, Leo says:

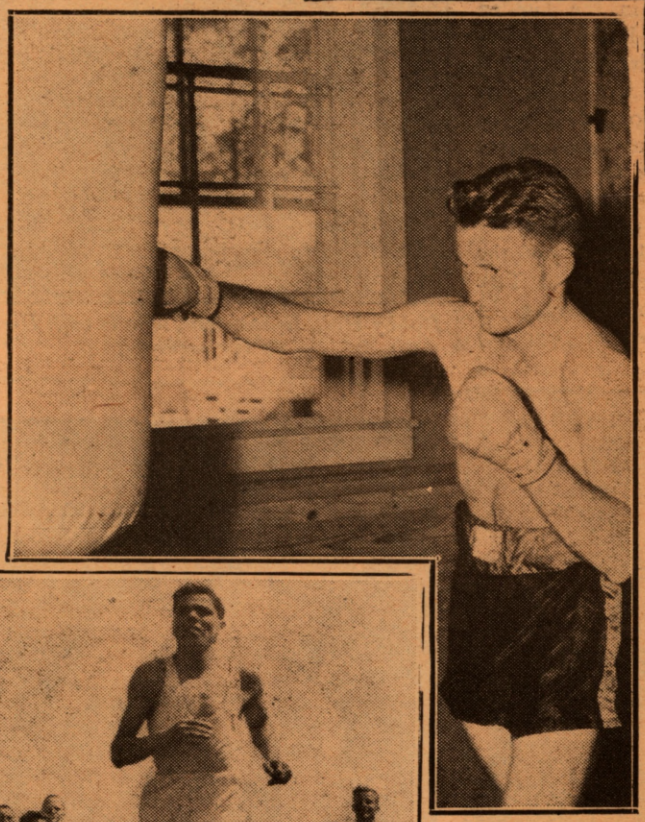
"Everyone here at our camp enjoys THE RING. The consensus is that the magazine is doing a world of good for the boys in the service and we feel confident that when this war is over and we have returned to normal life, THE RING will be well remembered by those who are being remembered by its Editor, now. We spend many of our leisure moments with THE RING."



Chuck Hurst, middleweight champion of Michigan, tuning up with the punching bag in the camp gymnasium, where he is stationed.



Jimmy Gill, former Scottish flyweight champion, serving His Majesty in the Far East. Gill is an athlete of fame. He is a jockey, distance runner, cross-country runner and a boxer.



Corporal Red Alderson, in training in post gymnasium at Keesler Field.

Here we see Jimmy Gill winning the five-mile run for soldiers.

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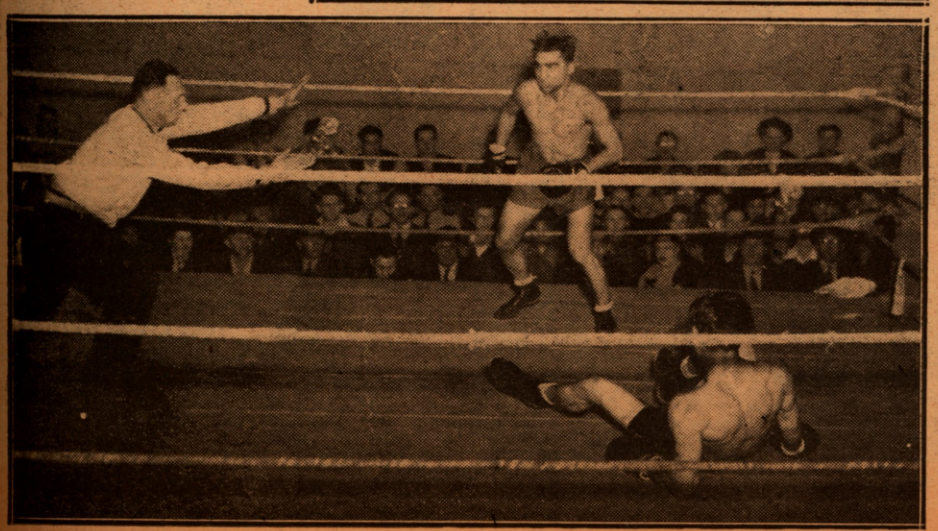
CURLEY NICHOLS

SAILORING in Southern climes is New York's Curley Nichols, who left civilian life several months ago. He was a well known figure in New York City swat temples, having fought quite often and against the better boys of his weight. Coast Guardsman Nichols was managed by Frankie Jacobs and trained by the artful Ray Arcel. He emerged victorious in scraps with Pablo Dano, Aaron Seltzer, Lou "Peanuts" Barbetta, Henry Hook, Frankie Rubino and Johnny Compo. He also fought though unsuccessfully, Willie Pep, the Champ, and Lulu Costantino, a challenger.

In his activity for 1942 he had seven bouts. He broke even on these, winning three, losing a like amount and drawing once.



Corp. Nick Chepa scoring a kayo over Russ Stuckey of Missouri in a Northern camp, with Col. Crawford refereeing. Nick also knocked out Herman Goustar, a New Orleans title-holder.

Curley says that he "can't wait to get his hands on some of those Nazis and Japs. That's how you get to feel and that's why I joined the Coast Guard."

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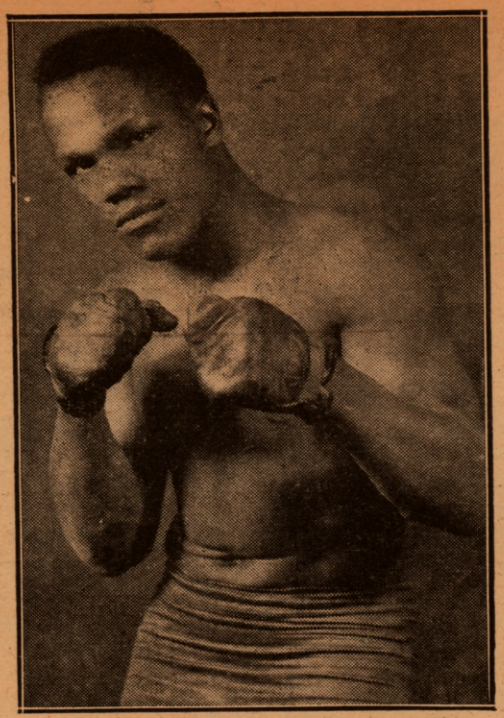
IRA LANE

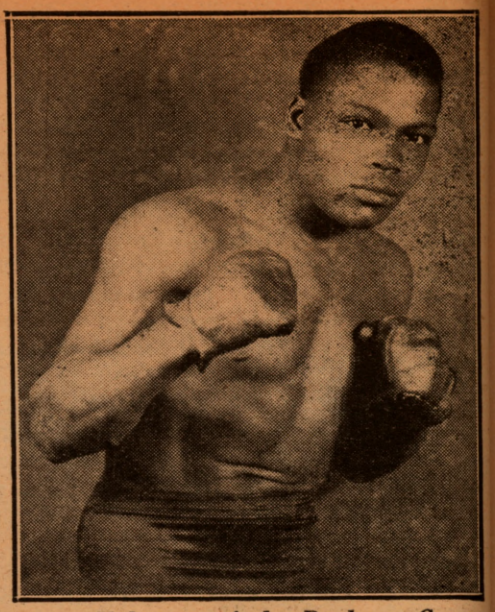
KINGSPORT, TENN., in the center of the cotton land, has a lad in the service who they deem a certainty to succeed in his chosen task. His monicker is Ira Lane and he is a highly capable amateur knuckle tosser. He is now an aviation cadet in the Naval Air Corps and is taking pre-flight training in a southern training center.

He has been an entry in the Golden Gloves at Knoxville for the last four years and on each occasion he has captured a title. He is 5 feet 8 inches tall and scales 135 pounds and has won 43 out of 47 bouts. Ira is proud of the fact that he has three brothers in the service, one in the Navy, one in the Army Air Corps and the other in the Navy construction department.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Lane family. We are certain all of THE RING readers join us in this message. In Ira's photo *(Continued on page 42)*

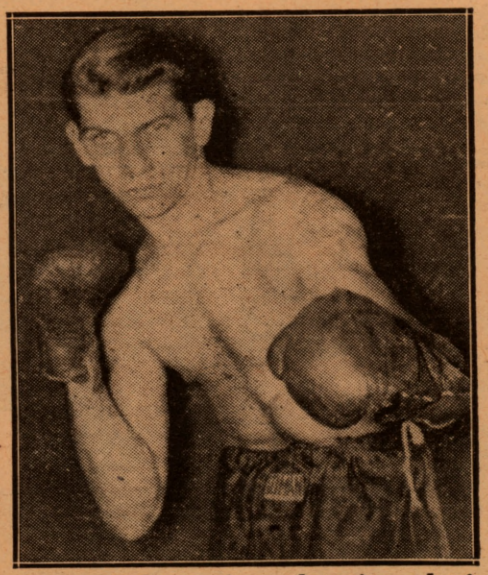


Bobby Holt, lightweight, who is with Henry in the service.



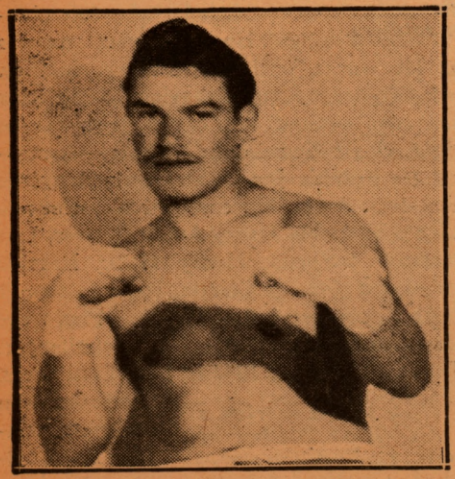
Henry Holt, one of the Danbury, Conn., twins, now in the Army.

Ira Lane from Kingsport, Tenn., who is an Aviation Cadet.



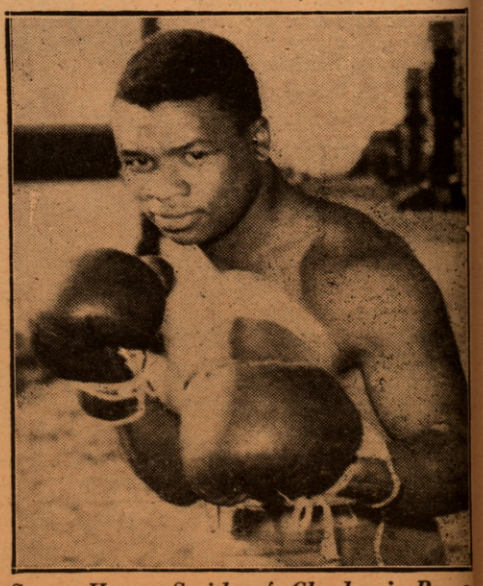
Jimmy Brady, an Army champion, who is out to annex new laurels.

Clarence "Joey" Ackerman, a popular performer in Southern rings.



Pvt. Leo Campione, a member of the Headquarters Co. at Camp Gilroy in California. He is a boxer of promise.

Buddy Gomer, from St. Paul, Minn., a good boxer, who is in the Army.



Sergt. Henry Smith of Charleroi, Pa., a good scrapper, now stationed at Camp Stoneman in California.

LETTERS *from Our* READERS

AFTER reading the last issue of THE RING, with its many stories and pictures of boys in the service, I decided to write this letter as a mark of my appreciation for what THE RING Editor is doing for our boys and for the privilege I have in fighting in the uniform of my adopted country against Hitler—the Mad Monster of Europe. I have never had the opportunity to present my thanks so publicly, so now, knowing that THE RING reaches thousands of men who have seen me in action in the roped square, I take this liberty in the hope that Nat Fleischer will permit my message to be printed.

I enlisted in the army 21 months ago, less than five years after my first arrival on American soil from my native Germany. I am now a corporal doing special office work at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, and I love my work as I do my adopted country, Long May It Live. It is the country that has given me and many other refugees from Germany a chance to live like human beings and nothing would suit me better than if my request for combat duty in the European zone, preferably against the Hitlerites, would be granted as I trust it will be.

When I left Germany, I had to come to America in a round-about way, but thank God I reached these shores safely and can now carry arms against the man and the persecutors who drove me and other peace loving citizens from the land of their birth. I am most grateful for having the privilege to be here among peace loving Americans and so long as I live, this shall be my home, a place to carry on in the interests of my fellow men. I left Germany in 1935 and came to America via Italy, France, Poland, Belgium, England, Palestine, Arabia, Persia, India and other countries before I could reach the land of Liberty.

I did a little boxing, as you know, but at the age of 31 I was too old for your fast boys. But I was happy to be able to get the few chances I did to earn a little money for my upkeep.

I decided to make this my home and to learn the American ways and knew of no better way to get started than to learn the English language. I spent hours daily studying until I could understand everything one spoke to me and could speak to them intelligently in return. I know other languages and the combination make me a valuable member of the armed forces even if I don't get across to fight our greatest enemy. I still make many mistakes in talking and writing, but that matters little.

When I joined the Twenty-eighth division, the commanding officer thought so well of my boxing ability, that he made me the boxing instructor. Then I was assigned to go to school to learn the work I am now performing and when I think of that privilege, I almost cry for joy to think that I, only five years ago an alien from Germany, am granted such an honor by my adopted country.

I buy THE RING every month, and enjoy reading it. I corresponded with Tom Ephrem a long time, but he is in the Army also, as he wrote me in his last letter. He is at Camp Meade. I hope to be sent overseas very soon, as I would love to get in this fight, because I love to hear the papers say, "The winner and still Champion, the U. S. A."

I know you are a very busy man, Nat, but I would love to hear from you. You can send me an answer through THE RING, which I get regularly and wouldn't miss for anything.

Through THE RING I send greetings to my friends. Hello to everybody up in good old Stillman's gym, to Lou Stillman, Ray Arcel, Whitey Bimstein, Joe Banks, Paul Damski, Al Weill, Chris Dundee and all the rest of the gang in New York City. They all were swell to me, a foreigner while I was in the game.

Well, Nat, here is hoping my letter will find you and all your beloved ones in the best of health. Keep punching.

SIGGIE (LANDER) STADTHUNDLER,
D. E. M. L., Camp Ritchie, Md.

P.S. (Known in Boxing circles as Siggie Lander.)

No letters will be answered by mail unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. If you have a letter of general interest, send it along and we will publish it under your name in "Letters from Our Readers." Don't hesitate. Write now. Will appreciate letters from soldiers overseas.

FROM the father of Jimmy Gill, star Nottingham flyweight contender, came a letter a few weeks ago in which he calls attention to the fine record of his boy.

"Jimmy has a splendid record," says his dad, "and were it not for the fact that we have a bigger job here in putting Hitler into his casket, I would bring the lad across the Big Pond for some competition because I know he would make good. He is a classy fighter, only nineteen years old, five feet in height and already a war veteran.

"Jimmy is now on active service somewhere in the Far East and he has asked me to send Christmas greetings to THE RING Editor and his staff from himself and from others in his outfit who have been getting THE RING through me. Jimmy asks that I tell you, Mr. Fleischer, that when we have finished our job with our enemies, he hopes that he will be able to go to the States, if for no other reason than to see THE RING office but he does expect to gain some fights with the outstanding Americans his weight. If he does, I'm sure he'll make good.

"He has been boxing since a lad of five. He is the only jockey in England holding a boxer's license. He has won many foot races and cross-country events.

"He volunteered for service with the R.A.F. at the commencement of the war and though he could not get the proper kind of training, he managed to roll up many victories in boxing as a service man. A year ago Gill fought Johnny Shaughnessy on a Monday night, defeated Eric Jones on Wednesday, then traveled 300 miles to get to the championship athletic meet where he won the five miles cross-country title on Thursday, then repeated his running victory in the Army and Navy championships the following day. I'm sure you will agree that Jimmy Gill is a great athlete and worthy of mention in your great boxing magazine, THE RING.

"Gill was known as the stable boy boxing champion. He was employed as a jockey by Jim Russell. At the age of 17 he already was the veteran of 163 boxing bouts of which he won all but two and drew in two. He won several horse races during the same period. When Tommy Loughran was in England, he presented young Gill with a championship cup."

JAMES GILL, SR.,
Nottingham, England.

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A FEW LINES to say hello! and to let you know THE RING is scarcer in Honolulu than shoes in Tahiti; can't find one anywhere—they are gobbled up so quickly. There was a good boxing card here yesterday, Little Dado, the N.B.A. champ, decisioned A. Samuels, local Puerto Rican, in 10 rounds and in the semifinal Ralph De John knocked out a colored chap named Al Thomas, in the fourth. A good crowd was on hand.

Leo Leavitt was the promotor . . .

Well, Nat, hope to hear from you. Let me know what can be done about getting more magazines here.

MANUEL P. ORTHYS,
U. S. E. D., Bellows Field,
Oahu, T. H.

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I'M a long way from Madison Square Garden, but I'm happy in the thought that I'm doing a good job, and something worthwhile for my teammates. You see, I consider all the men in this outfit as my teammates, and I am one of the team, in addition to being the trainer. It's my job to keep the boys active, happy, and in good physical condition.

I was assigned here at Wendover Field in September as Physical Training Officer and Special Services Officer. We are

out on the Great Salt Lake Desert Flats, where many of the automobile racing records were set. We have just set up athletic courts of all kinds, including basketball courts, volleyball courts, horseshoe courts, football fields, baseball fields, and an obstacle course. We also have some chinning bars rigged up, speed bags, and sandbags. There's plenty of wide open spaces here, and we are taking advantage of all the room.

Our athletic program consists of a little roadwork every morning, and an hour of athletics every afternoon. Calisthenics, sports, mass group games, and some combat activities are included in our daily workout. Every man runs through our obstacle course several times a week. All in all we give the men plenty of opportunity and instruction in the art of physical conditioning. We should have a very rugged crew very shortly.

By the way, Mr. Fleischer, I wonder if this athletic office could get your monthly publication, The Ring Magazine. It would certainly be appreciated. Needless to say I am deeply grateful to you for what you did for me when I was a buck private.

I see the Army and Navy and the Marine Corps have taken most of our good boxers, leaving the professional field rather drained of talent. However I guess after the war we will see a load of new talent on the boxing horizon. Jack Dempsey seems to be doing a good job. We need men like him to stimulate interest in the physical condition of the men in the service.

I hope you will continue to do the good job you have been doing in the past in acquainting the public with the need for athletics and boxing, and all the other healthy sports to build and develop our American boys into good tough fighting men. Your job has been a splendid one. We in the service know. Keep up your good work on behalf of the men in the armed forces.

Sincerely yours,

Lieutenant Mark Cohn.

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BEING a boxing fan, I was afraid that when I joined the navy I would not be able to keep up with the boxing news, but thanks to you and your staff, I am in almost as close contact with it as I ever was. Naturally I won't be able to see any bouts for a time, but as long as I'm able to find out what's going on, I'm satisfied. The Ring is very popular with the men in the service. They all eagerly await each issue.

With a much more important fight now going on, the sport will undoubtedly hit a snag, but I'm sure that it will be much better and bigger, with many more boys taking part in it, when Berlin, Tokyo and Rome are taken. The thing I like most about The Ring, Mr. Fleischer, is that you hardly pass a page without something being mentioned about the armed forces. There is no other magazine in the country that is as patriotic to the cause as is The Ring.

Since war was declared, you have done everything in your power to see that Ring readers, who are now in the service, would be able to continue reading The Ring. It especially made me feel bad to read that nice article about The Ring's wartime program coming to its climax by the staging of the Louis-Conn return battle, since things turned out the way they did.

When things get back to normal, I believe there could be a couple of things done to improve boxing.

One, for instance, I don't approve of non-title bouts. Every time Joe Louis enters the ring, his title is at stake. Why should other champions be able to continue being champion after being beaten by a man who is in their own class.

Second, I don't approve of handicap matches. I think Mike Kaplan would be welterweight champ today, if it hadn't been included in his contract to fight Bob Montgomery, that he weigh 143 pounds. That weakened him too much and he was never much good after that.

If you take notice, Mr. Fleischer, every man in the lower classes usually boxes a few pounds over his class weight at all times. Then when they fight for the title, they hurt themselves by making weight. Remember what happened to Lou Ambers when he defended the title against Jenkins.

I believe it would be a good idea for every fighter to carry a tag after his name such as Ezzard Charles—middleweight, Allie Stolz—lightweight, Izzy Jannazzo—welterweight, etc. Then we would have a lot less confusion, and fighters would be able to be rated a lot more accurately. Then if a champion wanted to fight without defending his title, let him fight someone in a heavier class. It's done, anyhow, but usually the heavier man agrees to come in at a certain weight, whereas, he cannot fight as well as he would under normal conditions.

Good luck to you and your staff. Keep up the morale at home while we demolish the morale of those in the three countries abroad—Germany, Italy and Japan.

Robert M. Carlitz, A-S,
U. S. N. T. S.

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I WAS a small boy when I first laid eyes on your magazine, at a newsstand. It had such an interest for me I used to go back to the same place and ask for it at the end of each month. I have been able to buy it with my own money for two and a half years straight. From the time I first found that magazine until now, I have been one of your most ardent readers.

At first I wasn't familiar with a lot of the fighters that it talked about but now I'm almost always able to pat myself on the back of your "quiz" listed in each issue.

I feel like I have met and seen some of the fighters although I never saw even one professional fight, so thoroughly were your articles written.

My friends and I share my Ring Magazine each month, and we sing the praises of its staff. To you, Mr. Editor, a credit is due from the world of boxing. But we know you are not a man who would ask for it. Instead you care not, but carry on, only for the betterment of this great sport.

You are doing a great deed for our service boys.

I felt this urge to write for a long time and it is a great pleasure to send this message to you, for all the great work you are doing for Boxing and your country.

Before I took up my pen, I thought, if such persons as "Augustus Shmittiner" can write to Mr. Fleischer, why can't I. So here it is. I am a true, real native American Sioux Indian boy. Did you know that for every one Indian boy inducted into service of this country fifteen (15) volunteered? I have a brother in the Army.

Thomas G. Little,
Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

(Thanks a lot, Tom. I appreciate this message of good will from an American Indian. All I can say is that I hope I can continue to please you.)

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I HAVE been a reader of your publication for ever so long but now that I am stationed with my regiment in the Middle East, I find it difficult to obtain a copy. I have communicated with a dealer in London who handled The Ring prior to the war, and he informed me that the best way to make certain that The Ring will be delivered to me is by subscribing direct. I am therefore enclosing a bank note, the only kind I can send. It's value is 100 Rials, Iranian currency.

Since I cannot obtain an International Money Order I hope you'll accept this note and send me my favorite publication for a year. When I am finished reading and digesting the contents, I will turn the magazine over to others in our regiment who have tried as I have to obtain copies but cannot. Can you acquaint me with the rate of exchange between American currency and Iranian currency?

All my best wishes for your continued success.

K. T. E. Batchelor, No. 898290,
144 Field Regiment, R. A. P. A. I.
Force, Middle East.

(I shall be delighted to send you THE RING regardless of the fact that the 100 Rials are worth about 40 cents in American money. But we never let down a RING reader. The pleasure is mine, soldier. I have shipped six copies to you gratis, and placed you on the subscription list for the duration. Pass them along to your Post library.—Editor's note)

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

Donald Sauer, North Plymouth, Mass.

Q.—I read in the paper that Len Harvey retired as undefeated Heavyweight champion. Isn't this wrong? Freddie Mills KOed him recently in two rounds.

A.—The papers were correct. Mills took the Cruiserweight or Lightheavyweight title from Harvey in that fight, not the heavyweight.

Chas. P. Harris, Wash., D. C.

Q.—Please tell me if Beau Jack is managed by the ten millionaires as we have been told in the papers?

A.—No, Jack is managed by Chick Wergeles, who bought out the sportsman who had financed the early part of the Atlanta, Ga., lightie's career.

Patsy Rensa, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q.—Lou Nova is introduced as Lieut. Nova. Is he in the Army?

A.—No, he is in the California State Guard.

Martin Henshler, Boston, Mass.

Q.—How come that Garvey Young and other fighters can get furloughs to fight for commercial gain while Joe Louis and Billy Conn were denied that privilege?

A.—The Commanding officers at all camps have it within their power to grant short leaves of 48 hours to boxers to perform in public. A number of commanding officers have exercised that right but most have ignored it. Where, as in the case of Young, he doesn't need time off for special training and can be back to his camp in 48 hours, permission has been granted. Young Kid McCoy, Tommy Gomez, Al Nettlow, Jackie Wilson and Tommy Tucker have been granted permission for bouts under such conditions.

In the case of Louis and Conn, they require at least four weeks away from camp to train for a championship battle.

Johnny Williams, Indianapolis, Ind.

Q.—Has Chester Rico ever been knocked out? Who is the hardest-hitting heavyweight other than Joe Louis? Is Johnny Denson a good prospect?

A.—No. Tami Mauriello. Yes.

Bob Arnold, Cleveland, Ohio

Q.—Could Stanley Ketchel have whipped Jack Johnson in a return bout? How old was Ketchel when killed? Is there a book on his life?

A.—No. Ketchel was outclassed by Johnson in their first bout even though Ketchel dropped the champ. He was 24 years old. There is none and none has been published. I shall publish one some time next year.

Steve Beldon, Milwaukee, Wis.

Q.—How many fights over fifteen rounds did Max Baer have?

A.—Two twenty rounders, one with Kingfish Levinsky and the other with Paolino Uzcudun.

Barton McGraw, Salt Lake City, Utah

Q.—Is it true that Richie Lemos is a switch hitter?

A.—Yes, the former N.B.A. featherweight champ often changes stance in the middle of a round, thus throwing his opponent into confusion and paving the way for a sleep-producer. It was in this way that Richie took the title from Petey Scalzo, switching to the unorthodox style and chilling Scalzo with a lefthand blast.

Patrick O'Toole, Boston, Mass.

Q.—Has Willie Joyce, Chicago Lightweight, got a brother who is boxing?

A.—Yes, his younger brother, Jimmy, does preliminary boxing around the Mid-West.

George Gwin, Emlenton, Pa.

Q.—Please list the five greatest heavyweight champions in the order you would have them according to ability. Why do you have Charley Burley so low in your middleweight ratings? We think he should be at least third.

A.—Jack Johnson, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries, Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. Burley recently lost to Holman Williams.

Pvt. George Kaplowitz, APO c/o Postmaster, N. Y., N. Y.

Q.—What was the date and result of the Joe Louis versus Jack Sharkey fight? Was Louis champ then? Did Jack Sharkey ever fight Jimmy Braddock?

A.—August the 17th, 1936 was the date of the meeting. Louis was not champ. He took on Sharkey in his first bout after his ill-fated fracas with Max Schmeling, who as you know, stopped the Brown Bomber in twelve rounds. Sharkey was stopped in the third round, Jimmy Braddock never met Jack Sharkey.

Bruce Carson, Panama City, Panama

Q.—What were the nicknames of the following boxers: Benny Leonard, Maxie Rosenbloom, Fred Fulton, Jackie Jurich, Jess Willard, Battling Siki, Harry Ebbets and Ray Impellitiere?

A.—Benny Leonard never had any sort of tag attached to his name. He is perhaps the only famed boxer who never was so honored. As to the others, they follow: The Harlem Harlequin, The Plasterer, The Rose of San Jose, The Pottawatomie Giant, The Singular Senegalese, The Freeport Thunderbolt and The Imp.

George Beck, Warrensville, O.

Q.—Who do you think are the eight greatest who ever fought, from Flyweight to Heavyweight?

A.—Combining my choices with the consensus of opinion, I would say: Jimmy Wilde, Flyweight; George Dixon, Bantamweight; Terry McGovern, Featherweight; Joe Gans, Lightweight; Joe Walcott, Welterweight; Stanley Ketchel, Middleweight; Bob Fitzsimmons, Lightheavyweight; and Jack Johnson, Heavyweight.

Q.—Who were the favorites of the late Joe Humphreys?

A.—Terry McGovern, Jack Dempsey, Mickey Walker, Tony Canzoneri, Tommy Loughran and Jimmy McLarnin, not necessarily in that order.

Q.—I realize that such questions are mostly guesswork but, please give me an estimate as to my weight and height at 21. At present I scale 5' 9¾" and weigh 123 pounds.

A.—You should be at least 6' 1" and weigh around 175-80.

Wendall Cooper, New York City

Q.—Here is a sticker for you, Nat—name the fighter who beat five worlds champs yet never held a title himself?

A.—You undoubtedly refer to the old Fargo Express, Billy Petrolle. He beat McLarnin, "Kid" Kaplan, Bat Battalino, Jimmy Goodrich and Tony Canzoneri.

Bill Ossin, Bronx, N. Y.

Q.—Is Carmine Fatta the same fighter as Paris Apice? What is Bob Pastor's religion? How good a fighter was Paul Sykes?

A.—No. Do not know. His wife is Catholic and he is Scotch-German-Jewish. Don't know of him.

Larry Freeman, Lake Placid, New York

Q.—Did Firpo and Willard ever meet?

A.—They fought on July 12th, 1923, at Jersey City and Firpo scored a KO in eight rounds.

Melvin Haskins, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Q.—Whom do you consider the harder hitter, Ray Robinson or Charley Burley?

A.—Burley. Robinson's forte is his blinding speed which enables him to get in many well placed smashes. Shot for shot, Burley is the harder walloper.

George K. Jordan, Steubenville, Ohio

Q.—Did Carmine Fatta ever box against Chester Rico? Was Fatta ever kayoed as an amateur or a professional?

A.—No. Fatta had an extended amateur career but we do not know whether he was ever stopped. As a pro he was kayoed only once—by Beau Jack in one round last summer.

Wilfred Bannon, Harrisburg, Pa.

Q.—Who was the Benecia Boy?

A.—John C. Heenan was known as the Benecia Boy. Heenan was a participant in the first international heavyweight championship fight ever held which took place at Farnborough, England, on April 17th, 1860, with Tom Sayers of England representing the Old World side of the argument. The result was a draw in 42 rounds.

John Williams, Indianapolis, Ind.

Q.—A says that Ray Robinson is a harder puncher than Al Foreman. I am of the opposite opinion. Who is correct?

A.—Robinson is a much harder hitter than Foreman.

Pete Lordi, Baltimore, Md.

Q.—What is the measurement and what is the nationality of Willie Pep? What chance has Mauriello to win the title? What is the junior welterweight class? Is it part of the lightweight or welterweight division?

A.—Pep is Italian-American — weighs 126 pounds and is 5 ft. 5½ inches tall. I have no other measurements of him. Mauriello is good but not good enough to win the championship. The junior welterweight class, which is no longer recognized, was a class in between the lightweight and welterweight with a class limit of 140 pounds.

G. A. Ricks, Jr., Franklin, Va.

Q.—Who was the first negro welterweight champion? Has Billy Conn ever been a middleweight contender? Has Ray Robinson's picture ever been on the cover?

A.—The first negro welterweight champion was Joe Walcott. Conn was a very strong middleweight contender. Robinson's picture is on the June, 1942, issue of THE RING.

Harold Quick, Pasadena, California

Q.—Has Baby Arizmendi fought any title bouts? How many? What were the outcomes? Who were the outstanding contenders for Georges Carpentier's title when he was champ?

A.—Arizmendi met Armstrong in 1939 for the welterweight title at Los Angeles. The Babe lost in ten. When Carpentier was light-heavy champ, some leading contenders for that crown were Battling Levinsky, Gene Tunney, Harry Greb, Chuck Wiggins among others.

Boris Simpkin, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q.—How many times has Artie Levine, eighteen-year-old Brooklyn middle, been beaten?

A.—He has lost only two scraps. Tony Papoa beat him at the start of 1942 and he was only recently defeated by Marvin Bryant, likely looking Dallas youngster.

Ted Wagonlander, Flint, Michigan

Q.—How old is Carmen Notch? How tall and what is the nationality of Willie Pep? When a straight left is landed, should the fist be tossed horizontally or vertically?

A.—Notch is about 23 years old. Pep is 5 feet 5½ inches tall and is an Italian-American. The fist should be sent over with palm of hand facing downward.

Joseph Pursley, Elkton, Maryland

Q.—How did the judges and referee vote in the last Bivins-Pastor bout? What are the results of Brooks' last five fights?

A.—One judge voted for Pastor and one for Bivins and the referee voted for Bivins. Tony Musto, W 12; Young Henry, D 10; Tony Musto, W 10; Al Blake, L 10 and Howard Red Rush, K.O. 3.

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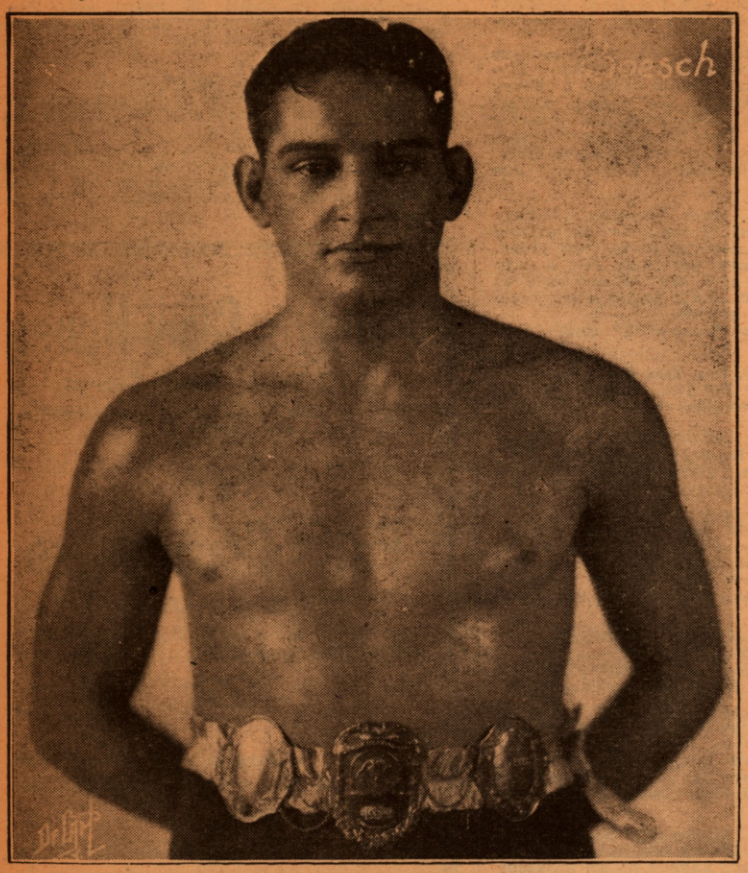

Paul Boesch, Long Beach, L. I., wrestler and captain of life guards, a member of Uncle Sam's Army. Paul, an expert on wrestling, jiu-jitsu and judo, hopes to train for an officer's instruction job in his specialty. He seeks a post with the Commandos.

By EDDIE MERRILL

WRESTLING is furnishing much of the entertainment for war workers in the East, especially in Boston, Camden, New York City, Newark, Philadelphia and cities in Connecticut where war plants are situated. With most of the smaller boxing clubs shutting down for the duration or staging contests only now and then, the wrestlers are now having the field practically to themselves. The biggest Eastern attractions are Maurice Tillet, the French Angel and Olaf Swenson, the Swedish Angel, members of rival camps.

Rudy Dusek and his troupe, consisting of some of the best available talent, including such stars as the Dusek brothers, Gino Garibaldi, Max Krauser among others, do well in New Jersey and Pennsylvania clubs where they have been the headliners for a long time. They furnish a brand of entertainment that is pleasing and after war workers have had their eight hours of hard labor, such relaxation helps a lot.

Tillet, the grotesquely-built French wrestler, who has been in this country for two years, remains one of the best attractions in the country. The Angel, as he is known in mat circles, recently made his first appearance of the season in Camden at the Convention Hall against Leo Numa whom he whipped and a packed house saw the match. The Angel, classified as 1A by the Draft Board in Boston a few weeks ago, has been rejected by the Army physicians. They say he has several physical defects, caused by gland trouble. He intends to continue his catch-as-catch-can wrestling unless he is later called into service after which he hopes to be able to apply his holds on Adolf Hitler, a feat which will afford him much satisfaction.

Abe Coleman, a veteran of many years activity, is another good attraction in the East. He is working under the Dusek banner and gets plenty of work. Coleman has started something new in wrestling, the team match. Paired with Dutch Rhode, the team has been unbeaten at this writing. They have been a hit wherever they have appeared.

Milo Steinborn, Maurice La Chapelle, Morris Shapiro, Angelo Savoldi, and Jimmy Austeri are among the regulars appearing in Eastern matches.

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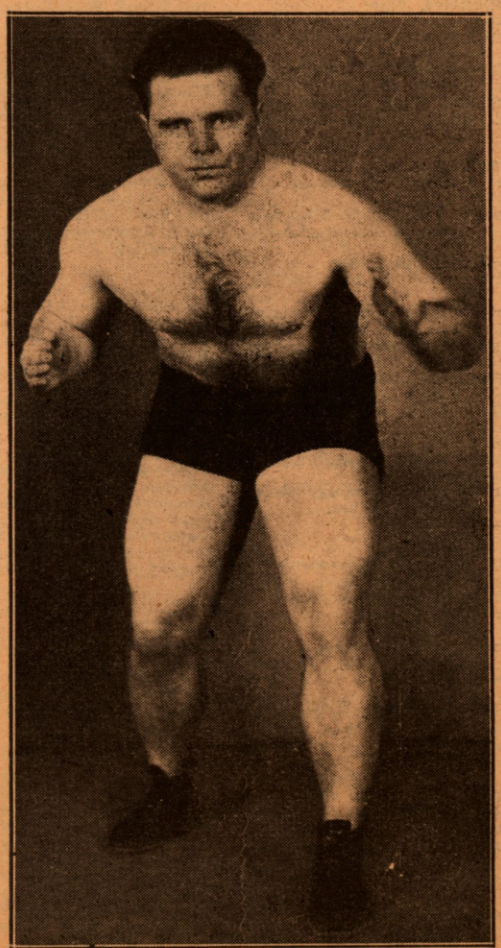
ON the Jack Pfeffer circuit, the Swedish Angel and Rube Wright continue to be attractions. They have been well booked and have given a good account of themselves. Sliding Billy Hanson, a Salt Lake City heavyweight, is rapidly gaining a following in the East. Among the newcomers introduced by Pfeffer to Eastern wrestling supporters are a number of men he has brought on from California and the Mid-West.

Out in California, Jim Londos, Joe Savoldi and Sandor Szabo continue to be headliners. Londos, in his fiftieth or more comeback, has been confining his wrestling appearances to California rings. He may shortly wrestle in Pennsylvania.

Paul Bowser, Boston wrestling impresario, has been staging regular bouts in the Boston Garden. He has been using veterans and youngsters and is doing well, considering conditions. It is Bowser's aim to bring together Angel No. 1 and Angel No. 2, shortly, if he can induce Carl Pojello, manager of Tillet and Pfeffer, manager of Swenson, to agree to terms. Such a match will make it necessary for Bowser to put out the S.R.O. sign, something wrestling hasn't had since Tillet appeared for Jack Herman in Buffalo.

Incidentally, Herman is doing exceptionally well in the upper New York State arena. His matches have produced good competition and have been crowd pleasers, with the result that the fans have been turning out in force for his shows.



Bibber McCoy, famous wrestler, who has joined Jack Dempsey's staff of "Commando" instructors with the Coast Guard boys at Manhattan Beach.

Yvon Robert, Canadian heavyweight champion, is campaigning down in Mexico City. His brother Larry has been wrestling in Boston. Ben Morgan, the Texas Giant, has been making many appearances in the Hub. He is well liked and draws 'em in.

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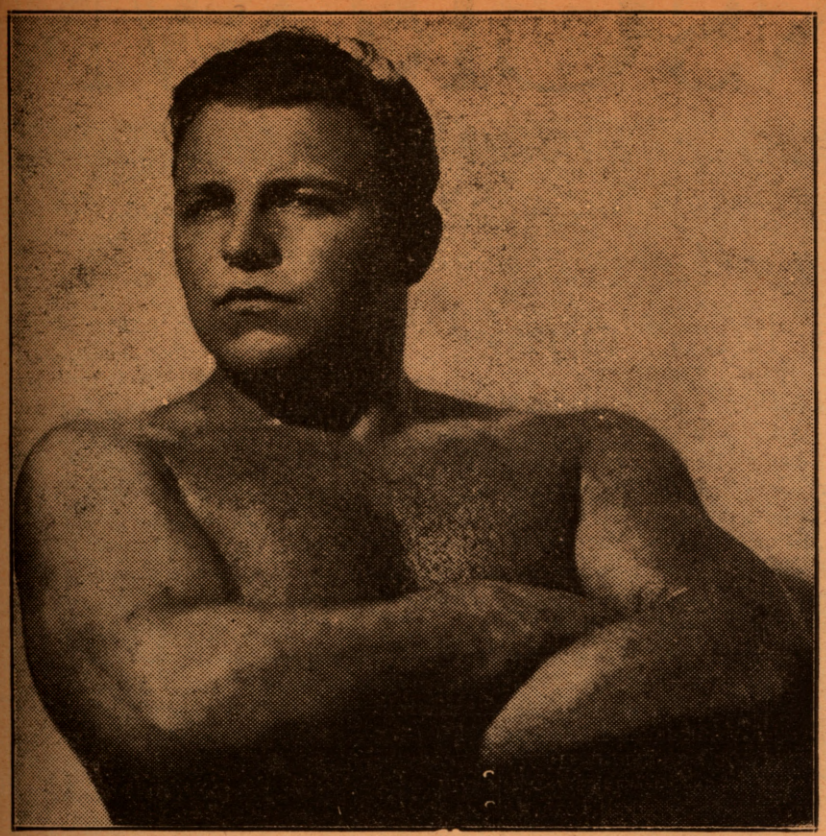
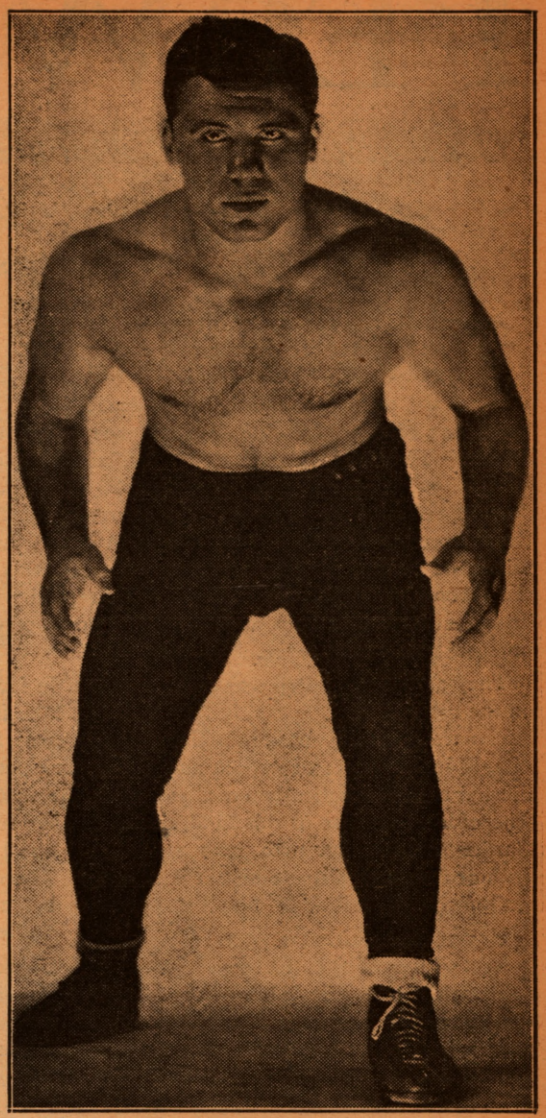
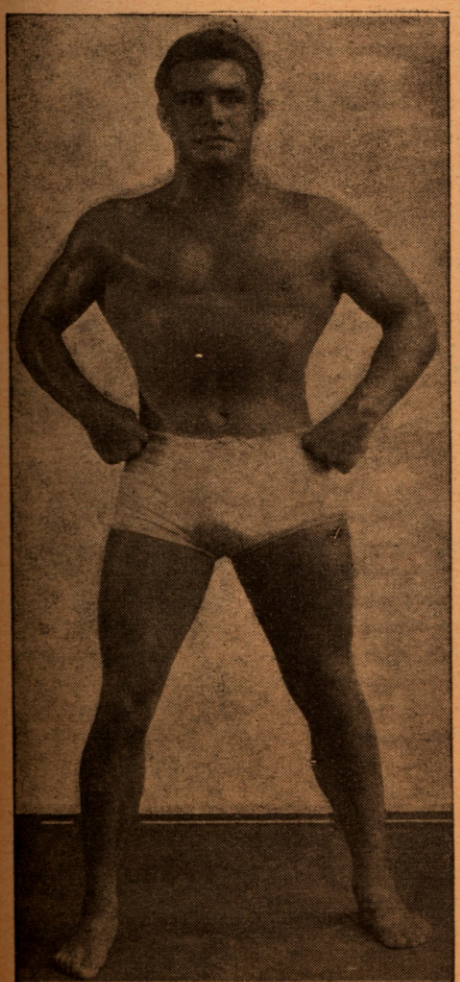
JACK DEMPSEY, who is a lieutenant in the Coast Guard at Manhattan Beach, has a number of able instructors on his staff, among them Bibber McCoy, star heavyweight wrestler. Bibber, an expert in rough and tumble sports with a fine knowledge of wrestling, jiu-jitsu and judo, has been teaching the boys how to be tough



Andy Chikos, popular Texas heavyweight. Andy is a good drawing card in the Lone Star State.



Ruffy Silverstein, star Mid-West wrestler, an officer in the Army.



Bobby Bruns, handsome New York wrestler, who is seeing service against the Japs in the Pacific waters.

with an enemy. Big and husky, strong as a bull, McCoy makes an excellent teacher.

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PAUL BOESCH, who is at Camp Upton, is another excellent exponent of wrestling and jiu-jitsu holds now in the armed forces of Uncle Sam. Paul, a world traveler who spent considerable time in Japan and other South Sea Islands, should be of great help in moulding tough fighters into form to tackle the Japs. Few of our service men have had the experience in hand-to-hand fighting with the Japanese as has Paul who exhibited his wares on a number of occasions in Tokyo. It is old stuff with Boesch and because of his experience and knowledge of the enemy and the terrain in the Pacific Islands, he should make rapid progress in his new role as a soldier.

Paul, on leaving for Camp Upton, the first leg of an army training course which he hopes will soon lead him to a school for officers, visited The RING Editor, an old time friend, and remarked:

"Well, I leave on Monday and I hope it will be the first step on a journey to Japan, but this time with a gun or bayonet to meet a Jap in action. I have passed my preliminary test for an Officers' Training School and should, without mishap, be commissioned as a second lieutenant within four or five months. I have applied for the Infantry School, because I like action and I believe my services to Uncle Sam can best fit in that branch where hand-to-hand fighting is so often called for."

He hopes to be able to pass on to the men in the service much of the information that he has picked up in the Orient. He spent many months in Japan where he wrestled and gave special exhibitions against Japs in the catch-as-catch-can style of wrestling against the jiu-jitsu style. The Japs hold no fear for the great Long Beach, Long Island, athlete—a star swimmer, life guard, wrestler and jiu-jitsu expert. He holds the world's record for life saving. Last summer, as many summers in past years, Paul was captain of the Long Beach Life Guard, with more than 100 life savers under him.

As a wrestler, Paul Boesch rates high. He is one of the world's best. There is scarcely a wrestler of note in the heavyweight division whom Paul has not faced in the roped square.

Boesch has a vast collection of relics gathered during his world travels, among them a variety of machetes, bayonets and hand knives used by South Sea and Japanese warriors.

Paul scales 200 pounds, is strong, courageous and a fast worker. THE RING'S congratulations are extended to this latest addition to our forces. *(Continued on page 43)*

PEP WINS CROWN

Connecticut's Star Attraction on the Retreat in Most of the Rounds, Outpoints Chalky Wright, by Big Margin, to Win 54 Consecutive Pro Battles and World Featherweight Title

By "THE RING" EDITOR

THE answer to the oft repeated query, is it fair to award the decision to a boxer who has been the aggressor and who has carried the fight to his opponent, was answered conclusively in the affirmative when Willie Pep of Hartford, Connecticut, challenger, outpointed Chalky Wright on the evening of November 20 in Madison Square Garden and relieved the Mexican-born champion of his world featherweight crown. But as in past affairs in which the decision, in the minds of many, hinged on aggressiveness, there were those in the throng of 19,521 who had paid the record receipts for an indoor featherweight bout of $71,868.70 who were very much on the opposite side of the fence.

They argued that Pep was awarded the title for fighting a battle on the retreat, but apparently they failed to take into consideration that mere aggressiveness in which the aggressor fails to score any hits, is just a waste of motion and under the circumstances, leaves the aggressor practically on a par with the retreating opponent. Therefore, in a case of this kind, one that was presented to the big Garden crowd, the man who scored the most points whether with ordinary taps that couldn't dent a piece of butter or by sturdy wallops, is the fellow to whom the decision belonged.

Under those circumstances I agree fully with the unanimous verdict of the officials, Referee Lieut. Arthur Donovan, and Judges Bill Healy and Joe Agnelo, in awarding the championship to the youngster from the Nutmeg State. Donovan gave the victor ten rounds, scored four for the defender of the crown and one even. Each of the judges scored it eleven to four for Pep. My score card agreed with that of the judges, and the Associated Press score, eleven to four.

It may be argued that on actual hits, those landed by Wright were far more effective. They did the greater damage and therefore, Pep having been on a bicycle from the opening tap of the bell, to within three rounds of the final gong, should have been penalized and the title should have rested in the hands of the defender.

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ON these points I disagree. Much as I thoroughly disliked and was keenly disappointed in the crude battle put forth by Pep, whose prowess had been touted to the skies by his press agents and the scribes in Connecticut, we cannot get away from the fact that every tap to Wright's forehead—and at times Pep had connected as often as fourteen in succession without even the semblance of a return from the champ, added points to the challenger's credit. When I consider how we newspapermen and the huge gathering in the same arena booed Bob Pastor for circling the ring for ten rounds in his bout with Joe Louis, and then consider the tremendous ovation accorded Willie Pep for doing exactly that same stunt, I wonder whether the average fight fan really knows what he wants.

I presume that in Pep's case we must acknowledge that his youth, his popularity with the home folk who were in the majority in the Garden and the fact that he had already won 53 straight bouts, made that gathering Pep conscious. It was a partisan crowd such as we were so often accustomed to see in the club membership days of boxing and later in the early days of the Frawley and Walker laws when there were many sectional stars in New York who were pitted against each other—the East Side vs. the West Side. It was like that in Pep vs. Wright—Connecticut vs. the handful of Wright rooters and Connecticut carried off the honors.

PEP'S fine record presaged a far better showing than he made. If what he exhibited against Wright is a criterion, then he'll have to do far better as a champion to earn a place among the stars among the little men. He had little besides shiftiness and a good left jab to his credit. As for a punch, Wright outscored him ten to one when the champ landed except towards the end. He almost put Pep out of the ring on two occasions and was on the verge of dropping him twice, but Chalky couldn't follow up his advantage because of his opponent's running tactics.

Pep is fast, has learned the tricks of the trade and throws his punches while backing away. It is a style of which the average fan disapproves, but with the title in his possession, I look for the kid to alter that back-pedaling style for that of a real champ.

Perhaps it was stage fright that made Pep wary. He can do better and has done better, but we cannot extol his fighting in the bout in which he won the championship because he did very little of that. He was brilliant only in spots. His left kept shooting out with frequency and catching the mark, as against the many wild misses of Chalky and the manner in which Pep slipped out of the corners when Wright had him trapped in two rounds was a credit to the new champ's cleverness.

That he can perform like a star if permitted to do so by his trainers, was evident in the last three sessions, when, facing a champion who had now come to realize that the only way he could retain his crown was by a knockout, Pep took all that Wright offered and in return stood his ground and outfought Chalky. Those were the only sessions in which Pep lived up to advance notices of his fighting qualities.

Had Wright been following his advantage when he did catch up with his back-pedaling opponent, the decision might have been otherwise, but based on the performances of each, I cannot agree with any one who argues that Pep didn't win by a mile. He won practically by himself because he scored points while his rival did little but follow the elusive Willie around the ring with only an occasional attempt to fight him. Thus all Chalky's aggressiveness, as I have pointed out, went for naught. That's according to Hoyle in boxing rules.

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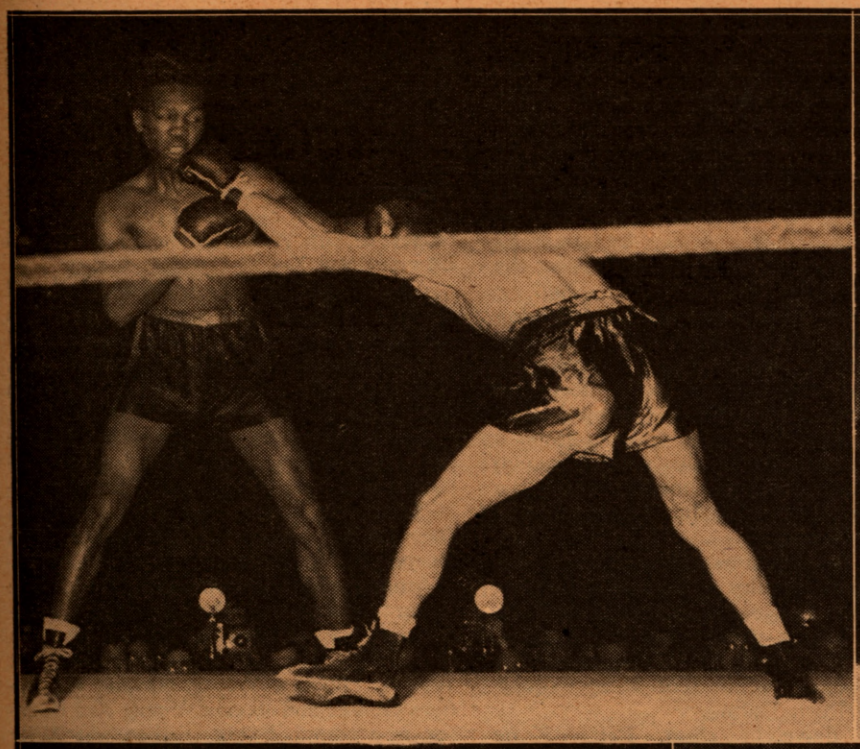
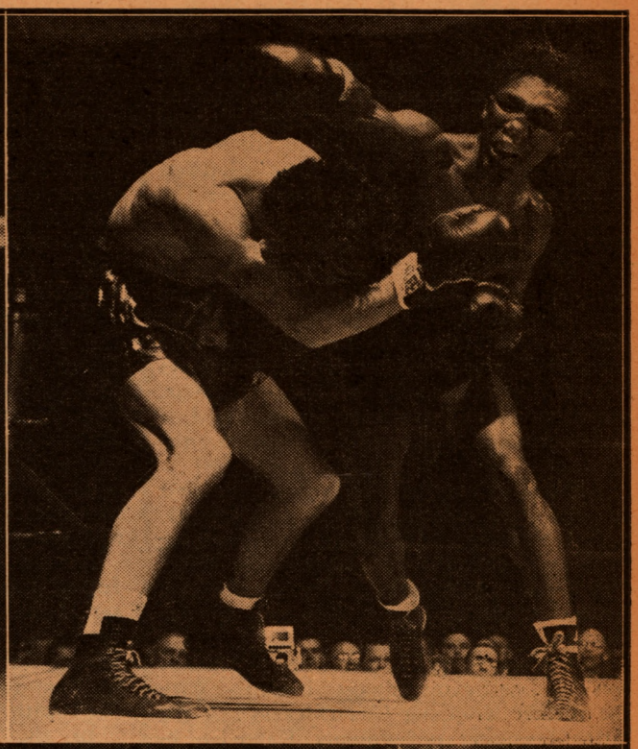
WRIGHT was forced to pace himself to go the route because he realized that the speed of his opponent plus his own age, would react against him if he attempted to follow the example of Pep, and that is what proved his undoing. It would have been far better strategy had he tossed all he had, both in speed and in punches in the early rounds to slow up his youthful opponent. On several occasions Wright could have brought considerable damage to Pep when he had Willie part way through the ropes or in bad spots in the corners, but he preferred the more sportsmanlike way of stepping back to give the boy a chance to get back to fighting stance before tackling him again.

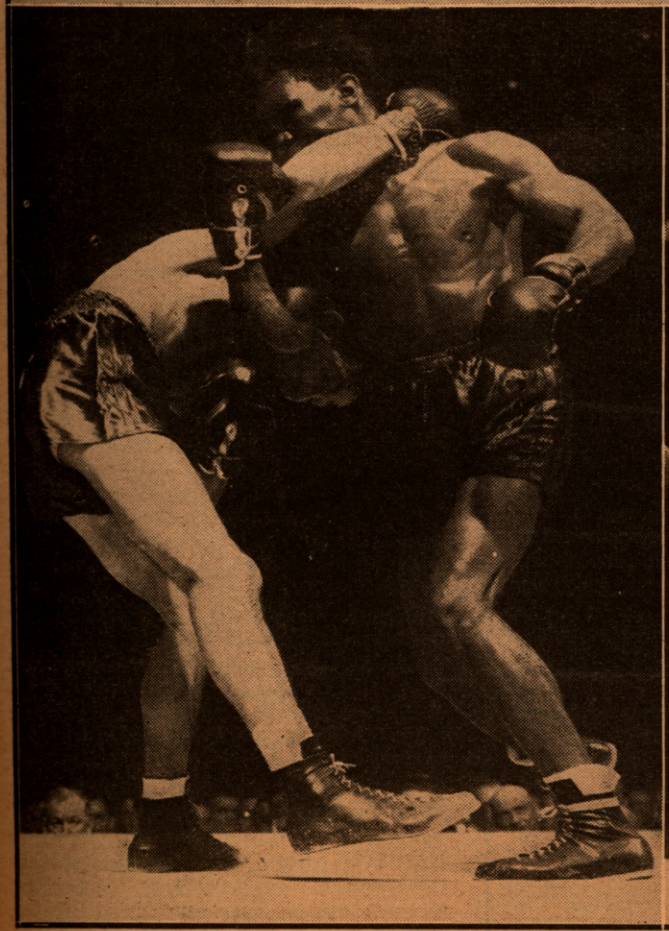
Pep was cagey. He was tutored to fight defensively and that style proved too much for the champ. Only twice in the entire battle did the new titleholder take the initiative and then only for a few seconds. But as his mentors argued after the fight, Willie didn't have to. He had the battle sewed up almost from the start with that type of boxing display and so long as the going was good, there was no need for a change.

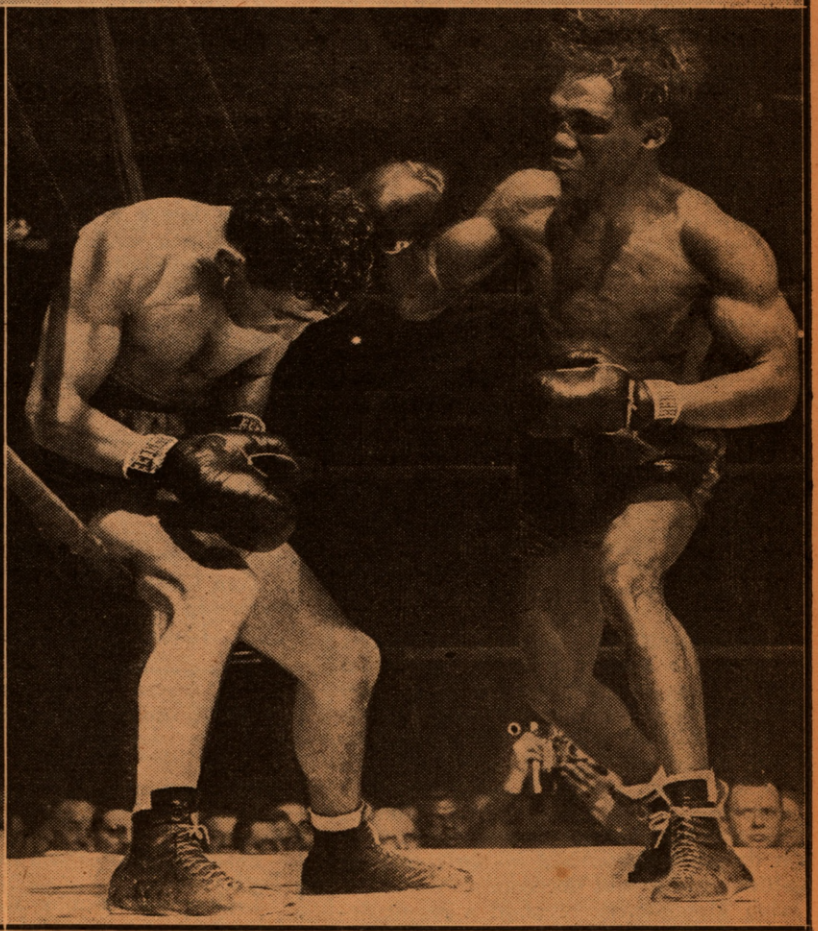
Aside from the four rounds he won by a wide margin, sessions in which he battered Pep heavily and in which he got his chance to use his powerful right, the champ engaged in delayed-action tactics that proved extremely damaging *(Continued on page 44)*

When Title Changed Hands









1—A scene in the third round of the Willie Pep-Chalky Wright featherweight championship bout in Madison Square Garden, which Pep won in fifteen rounds. Here Willie is seen throwing his left to the chin of the champ.

2—When Pep was pressed, he covered up and slipped out of range of Wright's attack. Here we see how he made the champion miss a hard right swing while against the ropes.

3—Here Chalky has missed a right uppercut to the body but followed quickly with a left that crashed against the ribs. It was one of the few times that the champ connected with effectiveness. He was always on the go—moving here and there, but tossed no punches.

4—Wright's best round—the eighth—in which he finally succeeded in doing some heavy damage and slowing up his man. Here we see Pep against the ropes, but Chalky fails to take advantage of the situation and the challenger emerges none the worse by keeping out of knockout range.

Willie Pep Is Fighter of Month

By MEYER ACKERMAN

FOLLOWING last year's pattern, the Ratings for the month will be eliminated and only the results entered. On other pages of this periodical you will find the annual Ratings by which to guide your selections of the outstanding fighters of the year. The selections have been given every consideration and every rating bears an explanation.

With the new year, only active fighters will be given their due place among the first ten while those former fighters who are now serving our country in some branch of the armed service will receive mention from time to time in specially written paragraphs, whenever this department receives word of their activities. Titles will be frozen for the duration.

Although many of the boys in the first ten saw action this past month, only one title fight took place and it marked the crowning of a new champion as Hartford's Willie Pep dethroned ageless Chalky Wright in a fifteen round contest at Madison Square Garden.

In the heavyweight class, Turkey Thompson and Lee Savold engaged in battles with the former whipping Gus Dorazio and the latter knocking out Johnny Kapovich in two rounds and then losing a decision to Jimmy Bivins in the Clevelander's debut in the Garden. Tami Mauriello kayoed Lou Nova in six.

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LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT Ezzard Charles, a recent graduate incidentally, from the middleweight ranks, entered the heavyweight class to win a decision over Joey Maxim while Nate Bolden forsook the 160 pound division to fight among the light-heavies and scored over Johnny Colan.

Jose Basora was the only ranking middleweight to see action and in two fights, knocked out Sam Turner in eight rounds and drew with Joe Carter, the Rome, New York Negro, and knocked out Ernie Cat Robinson in eight.

In monotonous procession, Ray Robinson again led the welterweight class. The Harlem Sugar Boy stopped Izzy Jannazzo in eight rounds on the Cleveland Christmas fund show, then stopped Al Nettlow in three.

Henry Armstrong continued his winning ways in his comeback by knocking out Lew Jenkins in eight rounds in a coast battle and doing the same to Saverio Turiello in four. Notable victories were scored by Sheik Rangel who upset Fritzie Zivic, and Earl Turner who stopped Jackie Burke in five rounds and whipped Rudolfo Ramirez. Zivic also beat Carmen Notch. Jackie Wilson defeated Cocoa Kid in ten rounds at Baltimore in a split decision.

Bob Montgomery reversed a recent defeat at the hands of Maxie Shapiro by whipping the East Side Hebrew in ten tough rounds, to again place himself in a contending position among the lightweights. Willie Joyce kayoed Leo Rodak in four.

Tippy Larkin whipped his Newark rival, Freddie Archer, with something to spare.

As mentioned in a previous paragraph, Willie Pep lifted Chalky Wright's featherweight crown. Lulu Costantino, who thought he might take a crack at the lightweights after failing in his chance against Wright, is apparently convinced he can still make the featherweight limit and would prefer action among the 126 pounders. Lulu demonstrated his worth as a challenger to Pep's newly acquired crown by whipping highly regarded Mike Raffa and taking the measure of Billy Pinti and Johnny Dell.

Sal Bartola also saved his high ranking by whipping Davey Crawford twice and Larry Bolvin while Pedro Hernandez dropped lower in the division by losing to Bill Speary. Carlos Chavez scored over Donnie Maes while Jackie Callura stopped Curley St. Angelo in the second round. Mike Belloise continued merrily along the comeback trail by walloping Tommy Ciarlo and Ruby Garcia.

Among the bantams, Ham Wiloby defeated Mario Morales while Kid Zefine upset Leonardo Lopez. Luis Castillo could do no better than a draw with Diego Sosa. Benny Goldberg stopped Lou Transparenti in four rounds, while Kui Kong Young drew with Rush Dalma.

In the flyweight class, Peter Kane stopped Paddy Ryan in the sixth round while Little Dado returned to action by whipping Adolph Samuels.

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HERE are the monthly results: Turkey Thompson whipped Gus Dorazio. Lee Savold kayoed Johnny Kapovich in the second but lost a decision to Jimmy Bivins. Tony Musto walloped Al Blake. Harry Bobo kayoed Larry Lane in a round. Tami Mauriello kayoed Lou Nova in the sixth round.

Big Boy Brown looked good in whipping Lou Brooks. Buddy Walker stopped Buddy Knox in four. Connie Norden whipped Bob Smith. Wallace Cross triumphed over Adam Spencer and kayoed Big Boy Carilli in a round. Joe Muscato whipped Clayton Worlds and kayoed Frankie Greene in a round. Dan Merritt knocked out Mike Alfano in the second. Wally Sears whipped Felix Del Paoli but was in turn defeated by Tom Clark. Bob Smith kayoed Johnny Romero in four.

Julio Lazaro Diaz scored over Claudio Villar. Johnny Denson decisioned Harold Dutch Ullmer. Sanders Cox upset Jimmy Carollo. Tony Gangemi beat Plato Yarmchuk but was in turn beaten by Eddie Wilson. Clint Conway knocked out Buddy Komar in two. Ernie Nordman stopped Kelly Wagner also in two. George Muir outscored Jim Wilde. Eddie Blunt and Ted Lowry drew.

Among the light-heavyweights, Ezzard Charles whipped Joey Maxim. Nate Bolden scored over Johnny Colan. Shelton Bell stopped Charley Roth in the second round. Ralph DeJohn kayoed Frankie Thomas in four. Tommy Garland drew with Bob Ford.

Herbie Marshall kayoed Battling Munroe in the sixth. Billy Grant beat Vincent Pimpinella and Tommy Campanella. Campanella then was kayoed by Herbie Katz in four rounds. Cleve Bailey stopped Sam Turner in the fourth.

Among the middleweights, it was Jose Basora who showed the way with a knockout over Sam Turner in eight rounds and a draw with Joe Carter. Carter then beat Walter Thomas. Wicky Harkins beat Indian Gomez and kayoed Young Kid Robinson in a round. Robinson then beat Burley Lanier. Antonio Fernandez defeated Joe Legon and kayoed Juan Fernandez in nine rounds.

Phil Norman stopped Rocky Luciano in the fifth, when Luciano couldn't continue due to a dislocated shoulder.

Sonny Horne beat Phil Norman, Jerry LaStarza and Pete Geno. Jack Chase whipped Amadeo Rodriguez. Charlie Babcock stopped Frankie Wilson in three rounds. Mayon Padlo kayoed Manuel Rosa in two. Rosa was also kayoed in a round by Freddie Cabral. Lambertine Williams whipped Speedy Duval. Charley Hayes triumphed over Johnny Lawer.

Tiger Wade knocked out Ran Jackson in three rounds. Verne Patterson whipped Saverio Turiello and Larney Moore. Max Hutchins scored a one round knockout over Sebastian Gonzales. Bob Wade defeated Bunky Wall. Larry Fontana scored over Neil Miller. Trevor Burt kayoed Texas Grey in the second. Al Tribuani whipped Pedro Tomez.

Frankie Britt won on a foul in four rounds over Freddie Wolfson. Mickey Rea whipped Lou Angelo. Artie Levine beat Frank McDougal and Tony Pappa but lost to Marvin Bryant. Irwin Kaye Kaplan beat Dick Donahue. Jim Elliott defeated Frank Lowry. Ginger Sadd and Al Marson drew. Trevor Burt kayoed Bill Sampson in six. Jack Hyams whipped Pat O'Connor.

In the welterweight class, it was Ray Robinson who showed the way with an eight round kayo over Izzy Jannazzo and a three round knockout of Al Nettlow. Henry Armstrong kayoed Lew Jenkins in the eighth and Saverio Turiello in the fourth.

Sheik Rangel triumphed over Fritzie Zivic. Earl Turner stopped Jackie Burke in the fifth and decisioned Rudolfo Ramirez. Ramirez in turn whipped Jimmy McDaniels. Zivic beat Carmen Notch.

Tony Motisi took the measure of Carmen

HERE are the outstanding new fighters who came to the fore this month:

Flyweight—Young Garcia, Panama.

Bantamweight—Papito Despaigne, Panama.

Featherweight—Ossie Rodriguez, New York City.

Lightweight—Bobby McQuillan, Buffalo, N. Y.

Welterweight—Tom Hilton, Columbus, Miss.

Middleweight—Cliff Dyes, Philadelphia, Pa.

Light-heavyweight—Mario Ochoa, Havana, Cuba.

Heavyweight—Johnny McCarty, Stone Lake, Wis.

Notch. Billy White kayoed Al Tribuani in eight. Maxie Berger whipped Bobby Richardson. Al Davis stopped Red Doty in the eighth. Jimmy Garrison whipped Roman Alvarez. Garvey Young kayoed Bobby McIntire in five rounds. Jackie Cooper knocked out Vinnie Rossano in four. Pete Kennedy and Harold Green drew but Green won from Georgie Harper. Steve Halaiko, fighting as Frank Wint, drew with Manuel Rosa.

Maurice Dremon whipped George Elliott. Jimmy Dundee kayoed Len Fay in eleven rounds. Lou Angelo kayoed Felix Morales in five. Arthur Danahar scored a six round kayo over Jim Wellard. Jimmy Brooks whipped Joe Ybarra. Gene Johnson scored over Joe DeJesus. Danny Williams stopped Oscar Suggs in five. Marvin Bryant whipped Freddie Flores but lost to Joe Agosta.

Bobby Lakin beat Buddy Farrell and Herbie Kronowith. Kronowith in turn decisioned Frankie Cardinal. Dan Calcagno decisioned Raoul Carabantes who drew with Hanking Barrows. Frankie Saia stopped Billy Woods in a round. Babe Synott kayoed Al Couture in a round, Art Moore in two rounds, Jimmy Brady in four and Kenny Blackmere in five rounds. Synott then drew with Billy Scott. Couture was stopped in four by Dave Andrews. Arthur Morris beat Bill Napier. Danny Rosati kayoed Joe Snediker in three. Al Tribuani beat Mayon Padlo in eight.

Bob Montgomery led the lightweight class with a decision over Maxie Shapiro. Willie Joyce stopped Leo Rodak in four. Tippy Larkin won easily over Freddie Archer.

Cleo Shans kayoed Lefty LaChance in a round and decisioned Richie Lemos. Lemos in turn whipped Kelly Jessup but was beaten on a terrible decision by Henry Vasquez. Juan Zurita won from Chester Slider and kayoed Chuck Railey in three.

Roman Alvarez outpointed Bobby Ruffin. Danny Bartfield whipped Kelly Jessup. Leon Haire kayoed Abie Denner in a round. Eric Boon kayoed Jake Kilrain in two and then decisioned the latter. Ronnie James whipped Jimmy Malloy. Harry Mizler scored over Harry Duffy. Johnny Hutchinson stopped Jiggs Donahue in five. Sammy Parrotto drew with Al Gomez.

Joey Pirrone kayoed Dick Cramer in a round. Carlos Malacara whipped Young Finnigan and Baby Al Brown. Bobby Yeager beat Lupe Gonzales. Walter Stevens whipped Joey Manfro. Juan Villalba scored over Carmelo Fenoy. Ivor Thomas won a four round foul over Johnny Ward.

Bert Jackson beat Len Davies. Joey Varoff drew with Billy Graham and beat Tommy Ciarlo. Baby Breese beat Matt Dougherty and Gene Spencer. Ike Williams decisioned Bob Gunther. Joe Belfiore whipped Lou Warren. Al Kimber kayoed Harry Fields in three. Joey Peralta knocked out Morris Parker in two.

Willie Pep led the featherweight class by lifting the title from Chalky Wright in a fifteen round contest and knocking out Joe Aponte Torres in seven. Lulu Costantino, who can still make the featherweight limit, trounced Mike Raffa, Billy Pinti and Johnny Dell. Sal Bartola scored over Davey Crawford twice, and Larry Bolvin. Carlos Chavez whipped Donnie Maes.

Jackie Callura kayoed Curley St. Angelo in two rounds. Mike Belloise walloped Tommy Ciarlo and Ruby Garcia. Bill Speary upset Pedro Hernandez. Kid Tanner defeated Jackie Rankin who in turn whipped Len Beynon. Johnny Compo trounced Henry Vasquez. Frankie Carto defeated Jackie Lynch.

Pedro Poey whipped Pototo Ribalta and kayoed Eligio Alvarez in a round. Baby Nelson decisioned Lorenzo Safora who also was beaten by Leocadio Torres. Joe Aponte Torres whipped Mexican Joey Silva. Lefty LaChance beat Domingo Diaz. Phil Terranova beat Aaron Seltzer and Frank Franconeri. Franconeri in turn kayoed Bill Commodore in one. Billy Pinti drew with Al Guido who in turn drew with Gus Levine. Tony Costa whipped NoNo Cuebas and Johnny Cockfield.

In the bantamweight class, Ham Wiloby won from Mario Morales and Benny Goldberg kayoed Lou Transparenti in four. Kui Kong Young and Rush Dalma drew. Chico Morales beat Peewee Lewis. Luis Castillo drew with Diego Sosa. Kid Zefine upset Leonardo Lopez. Alberto Pena whipped Humberto Kid Espinosa. Mickey Carr beat Stan Shaw who was also beaten by Allan Hall. Jack Renault scored over Lorenzo Safora. George Freitas decisioned Joe Mace.

Peter Kane led the flyweight division with a six round kayo over Paddy Ryan. Little Dado walloped Adolph Samuels. Les Feighan whipped Teddy Lawler. Tich Gravell scored over Ronnie Bishop.

BOSTON BOXING NEWS

BOSTON may not be holding its own in the matter of staging professional fights on the same scale as New York and other large cities but it is keeping the pot boiling with good shows every fortnight. The talent available doesn't permit a promoter to stage regular weekly shows and come out on top financially, but the way things are being run in the Hub now, the public is satisfied because it is being treated to good shows and the promoter is satisfied because he doesn't have to go in the red.

Garvey Young, Marine welterweight attached to a local Marine Hospital, is most popular in this city. In his last three contests, he won once and drew twice. The draws were with Georgie Martin and the distance was 12 rounds.

He defeated Bobby McIntire on November 13, scoring a knockout in the fifth round.

On December 3 at the Mechanics Hall, Maurice "Lefty" LaChance, hailing from Lisbon, Maine, tackled Cleo Shans, Freddie Somers' fighting lad from Los Angeles and Shans emerged the winner in one round. The bout was staged by the Boston Boxing Association.

The weights of the warriors were Shans, 131, and LaChance, 127. The show attracted about 2000. The net was $1924.

In the Eastern America boxing championships at Boston Garden the list of winners follows: 112-pound class, Mike Laquatra, Cleveland; 118, Leroy Jackson, Cleveland; 126, Carl Palumbo, Albany; 135, Chuck Hunter, Cleveland; 147, James Sauer, Cambridge; 160, Prentiss Hall, Buffalo; 175, Jim Rouse, Albany; heavy, John Pretzie, Boston.

There were 22 bouts, five ended with kayos . . . The Cleveland team won the tourney with three firsts, Boston and Albany tied with two each. Buffalo's one winner Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, 135, a Negro, was the top performer, with Leroy Jackson, 118, his teammate, who won the 112-pound National A. A. U. crown last April, second. Jim Rouse, 175, Albany, was third. James Sauer, 147, Cambridge, who won the All-America 135-pound title last January, finished fourth.

Cleo Shans, 129½, gained a close decision over Jackie Callura, 128, in a ten-round bout at Mechanics Building of Boston on Dec. 11.

AT BRAGG FIELD

The winners in the latest boxing tournament at Bragg Field were:—

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we see him holding the "Outstanding fighter's" trophy awarded to him at Knoxville.

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JIMMY BRADY

JIMMY BRADY, who formerly fought under the name of Basil Mizera in New York and in New Jersey rings has been a member of Uncle Sam's Army for the past five years. He is out to regain the welterweight championship which he won in Panama back in 1938.

Jimmy, who has won a commendable portion of his contests via the kayo route, comes from St. Helena, North Carolina.

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CHUCK HIRST

ONE of Michigan's best boxers, Chuck Hirst, state welterweight champion managed by Jack Laken, is now the physical director of the Air Corps at Waco. He not only teaches boxing but gets the boys in condition for the tough job the airmen have ahead of them.

Chuck recently knocked out Mansfield Driscoll, classy welter who gave Fritzie Zivic, Young Kid McCoy, Bobby McIntire and Dave Castilloux fine battles. Chuck is a hard hitter and hopes when the war is over, to resume his ring work on a large scale. In writing to THE RING Editor he says:

"THE RING has frequently mentioned me in the Cincinnati and Detroit news and I am writing this note just to let my pals know through THE RING that I am doing a bigger job than boxing down in Texas. Nothing matters now except the biggest of all fights, 'over there' and we'll soon have that well in hand."

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CORP. NICK CHEPA

AMATEURS are playing a big part in the athletic program of the various services. Many of the nation's leading Golden Gloves champs from all parts of the country are competing in tournaments now in progress at many of the camps, both in this country and in our outposts. Corp. Nick Chepa, is one of the leading simonpures who is making a bid for army honors. The Corporal, born in Woonsocket, R. I., who did most of his fighting in the little state, is now performing with success as a soldier. His record includes 61 bouts of which he has won 53, lost seven and drew in one contest.

He has engaged in four fights somewhere up north where he is now stationed, and won three of them, two by knockouts, and one on a decision. The fourth was a draw.

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BUDDY GOMER

THE former Mid-western A. A. U. middleweight champion, Buddy Gomer, is doing his bit for Uncle Sam as a member of the Signal Corps. He is down south at a camp that has quite a number of other Western lads who competed in many Golden Gloves tournaments and as professionals.

Buddy is too busy these days to pay much attention to pugilistic work but hopes after our enemies have been conquered and peace again rules the world, to resume where he left off.

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SGT. HENRY SMITH

"LOUIS looked bad in his last fight with Conn. If they fight again, I'll have to bet on Conn."

Sergeant Henry Smith, former Charleroi and Pittsburgh, Pa., Negro ring champion now stationed at Camp Stoneman, adds, "It's been my experience that a boxer can take a slugger and I think Conn would lick him."

Sergeant Smith speaks with considerable authority, for he has won the AAU, Pennsylvania State, Diamond Belt and Golden Gloves tournaments. At 160 pounds in the middleweight class, he fought 85 bouts as an amateur and 18 as a professional, and was never once knocked off his feet.

Smith has had the benefit of the knowledge and experience of such old time ring stars as Wee Willie Davis, Billy Nichy and Al Fay, who took him under their wings and taught him the fine points of the boxing art.

Harry Keck, veteran sports editor of the Pittsburgh *Sun-Telegraph*, once lauded Smith as "dangerous, a fine prospect and a definite comer." Stories of his consistent wins appeared in THE RING Magazine three consecutive months.

"I had my eye on that championship and I hope to get back in the ring again," Sgt. Smith says, "but this war is the biggest thing in fighting and we must concentrate on that first." Smith, according to his camp mates looms as an excellent prospect for the U. S. Army camps' championship in the heavy ranks if a national tourney is arranged.

The Ring's Honor Roll

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and Golden Gloves tournaments in 1939.

Dean, a fair-haired, soft spoken 19-year-old, is built along the lines of the old bantamweight great, Joe Lynch. He scored in the 1941 Golden Gloves down South and took into camp the better prelim boys of his weight around the New York City arenas. Keep tossin' 'em, fellas!

Cox's recent bouts with Jimmy Carollo in the Garden were the best on the shows. In their first bout they fought a draw and Cox broke Carollo's winning streak in the second by gaining the decision.

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JIMMY HATCHER, Southern sweetheart of the lightweight division, is proudly sporting the uniform of the U. S. Coast Guard. Though married and daddy to a lovely little baby boy, Jimmy brushed aside all ties and became one of the thousands of other Americans, young and old, who are rallying about the colors.

Hatcher competed as a featherweight until about six months ago, when he moved up into the lightweight class. As a 126-pounder he won over very sturdy opposition. His deft employment of a rasping left hand thrust and an equally slashing right, brought him victory over Bill Speary, Jackie Callura, Georgie Pace, Petey Scalzo, Leone Haire and many others.

The first lightweight he was called upon to face was Luther "Slugger" White. Quite a task there. The Southern Hurricane was declared the loser for the initial time in over twenty consecutive bouts.

Now with a job ahead of him which must be completed, Jimmy has forgotten winning streaks, drying out, headguards, etc., and is going all out for the inevitable victory.

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PETEY SARRON, swarthy Syrian, one-time holder of the world's 126-pound laurels, recently vacated his boxing-bayoneting instructor job with the Army down South, to enter the Officers' Candidates Training School at Miami. The thirty-four-year-old veteran of eleven years' ring service entertains the highest hopes of mastering the vagaries of each and every subject barring his way to an officership.

The former champ, is best recalled for his victories over Mickey Genaro, Al Foreman, Benny Bass, and Freddie Miller. Petey toured England and South Africa in addition to his thorough coverage of all fight centers in the States.

May 11, 1936, saw Petey take the Featherweight tioga from Freddie Miller in a fifteen round battle at Washington, D. C. The little Birmingham Belter was relieved of the championship mantle the next year on October 29 in Madison Square Garden, when he was stopped by that great Perpetual Motion Machine, the one and only, Henry Armstrong.

Hank turned the trick over his gallantly stubborn foe in six rounds. Following this reverse, Sarron won eleven fights in rapid-fire order from some of the better mittsters of the East. His twelfth contest, against Sammy Angott on July 17, 1939 at the Smoky City, was his farewell to the arena as he lost the duke in 10 rounds and subsequently bid goodbye to tossing leather.

Always popular, he has the well wishes of all the boys who knew him. We'll soon be saluting Lieut. Peter Sarron.

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PARATROOPER TOM HILTON, who is stationed at Camp Shelby, boasts a grand record as an amateur and as a pro gladiator. Pvt. Tom Hilton hails from Columbus, Miss., and would label it the happiest moment of his life if he were to be named as a boxing instructor at his camp. He appears to have the stuff to make good at such a post, judging by his efficiency between the strands.

He has lost only once as a compensated performer. Petey Sarron, onetime ruler of the 126-pound roost, thinks highly of the Mississippi lad.

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BOSTON has a promising simon-pure in the U. S. Army. The young Beantowner is Corp. "Jiggs" Walsh, a lightweight. The last news we had of him was when he was stationed in California with his Anti-Aircraft outfit. Now he is apt to be on one of the Oriental fighting fronts.

His mittened activities in the Sunkissed State consisted of scrapping at the various USO and amateur shows, where he thrilled the spectators with his two-fisted fighting. A trim lad, he believes his boxing is of invaluable assistance to his mental alertness, snappy reflexes and physical condition. He's got something there.

54 Straight and the Title

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over Ivy after giving his man a one-sided pasting. There was no jubilation in Pep's corner following the win; he might easily have been taken as the loser. The dressing room was filled with gloom, too.

The bout that attracted Willie much notice and possibly earned him a crack at Chalky Wright's featherweight title, was his sensational one round knockout over Frankie Franconeri. New Yorkers had forgotten his two preliminary Garden bouts but news of his wins over Ivy and Hernandez had them looking forward to his return. The Gothamites were astounded with the finesse that Pep showed in tucking away Franconeri in a little over two minutes of the first round.

Bout number fifty was staged back in his home town and turned out to be the oddest fight seen in many a moon. His opponent was Vince Dell 'Orto, who tried everything both in and out of the book to baffle Willie, but his efforts were quite unsuccessful. Dell 'Orto made faces, changed over to the oddest stances, left his arms dangling at his sides, and tried dozens of other tricks that failed to bother the young Pep. All Dell 'Orto received for his efforts was a sound thrashing.

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BOBBY McINTIRE, a lightweight, was next for Pep in Holyoke, the scene of some of his earlier fights. Willie was forced to spot McIntire some poundage but won easily regardless. McIntire proved a difficult target for Pep's right hand but when Willie did find the opening, he dropped the Detroiter twice in the ninth round. The tenth round found Willie coasting in for another win. Again Willie had taken every round.

Former featherweight champion, Joey Archibald, was apparently unconvinced of his own incapacity in his bout with Pep in Hartford, for he was given a rematch in his own hometown of Providence. Archibald didn't appear to be in there to hand the undefeated youngster a setback; he did prove that he wouldn't be knocked out for he was in retreat the entire ten rounds making it on the whole a dull affair. Charley Goldman, Archibald's trainer, was heard to mention after the fight that no one would knock out Joey.

In his last bout before meeting Wright for the title, Willie scored his fifty-third victory over lightweight Georgios Zengaras. One factor that had been in question among those who had been watching Pep only in his most recent fights, was whether or not he could take a body punch. Willie convinced those skeptics by taking the best Zengaras, a good puncher, had to offer. Pep won every one of the ten rounds.

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LOU VISCUSI, Pep's manager, has brought his charge along slowly and carefully and has always seen to it that wee Willie had the best of care. Bill Gore recently joined Viscusi as trainer for the new champion. Gore, one of the best conditioners in the business, is the man who brought Melio Bettina and Billy Murray to the fore. In Pep, Gore found a very apt pupil who likes to learn and likes to train.

Willie has become the sole support of his family since the illness of his father rendered him unable to continue work. He recently bought a three family dwelling in Hartford which he and his parents have just occupied. Most of Willie's purses have gone into the bank and he already has a tidy sum for the future when he will no longer be able to make his living in the ring. A goodly sum has also been invested in war bonds since our country entered its present crucial period. He has been allowed an automobile and has managed to supply himself with an enviable wardrobe.

In Willie Pep, boxing has a new champion, the youngest since Terry McGovern, who won the featherweight title at the age of nineteen. Pep, who is destined to become one of boxing's greats, has speed, class, boxing ability, can punch and has proven that he can take it as well. He is ringwise, far beyond what the imagination can believe—to a point that is uncanny. Pep loves to fight, so will be a fighting champion. Hartford fans hope that Pep will be forced to relinquish the crown only for the same reasons that his predecessors, Kaplan and Battalino, did so. They feel that Pep is of championship caliber and will wear the crown well.

The Ring's Quiz

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HOW much do you really know about fights and fighters. If you can come through with three out of five you can pat yourself on the back as an expert in the history of the game. The answers will be found on page 45.

1—Who was the first southpaw to win a world title?

2—Who was the smallest heavyweight to win a world championship? Who was the tallest?

3—Name the world champions who came from Connecticut?

4—What fighters drew the largest indoor gate in American ring history?

5—Who was the first world champion to enlist in the present World War? Who in the last?

News of the Mat World

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WORD was received a few weeks ago from Hawaii that Bobby Bruns, one of the most scientific wrestlers in the game, a New Yorker who enlisted soon after the Pearl Harbor attack, has seen action in the Solomon Islands. Bobby, a popular, handsome fellow, was shipped from San Francisco where he was stationed, to Honolulu and there he became a specialist. Bobby is one of many former star matmen who is in the thick of the fight against the Japs.

Before the war, Bruns was seen frequently in rings in New York and vicinity. He headlined many shows staged by Jack Pfeffer.

A WRESTLER who has made considerable headway since joining the armed forces, is Ruffy Silverstein, Chicago's star Jewish athlete. Silverstein, who has been in the army for many months, is now a lieutenant and is stationed somewhere in the Mid-West. Ruffy was the best drawing card in Chicago. A rough, tough grappler, he could take it and deliver and that's why he was a hit with the fans.

Camp Crowder Boxers

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PROFESSIONAL wrestling came to Camp Crowder last month, with Gus Sonnenberg, former champion of the mat, and Orville Brown, of Kansas City, topping a three-match card at the camp field house.

A capacity crowd of soldiers roared approval as Brown won the first fall and came back after losing the second fall to subdue Gus with the famed Indian deathlock. In the semi-final, Bad Boy Brown, former body guard of the late Governor Huey Long, was disqualified for persistent use of illegal tactics against Ronnie Etchinson, handsome St. Joseph, Mo., grappler. In a special match, Sergeants Joe Baneck and Eddie Williams, both of Camp Crowder, wrestled to a thirty-minute draw.

All of the wrestlers on the card donated their services for the entertainment of the Signal Corps soldiers. They were warmly received, and the ovation indicated that the matches were thoroughly enjoyed.

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Pep Wins Crown

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and costly. That is what those who asserted that Wright, not Pep, should have been awarded the verdict, failed to realize. He had that right of his cocked for the "kill," and his general ring maneuvers indicated promised action, but produced little.

He pressed forward ceaselessly. He went around the ring, from side to side and corner to corner with his fists ready for delivery, but the target wasn't there and the blows were seldom delivered. In those fifteen rounds, Wright must have walked miles, and to his credit and that of his trainers who had him in fine physical condition, the ring veteran of almost twenty years of fighting, never tired. Three times Wright landed left hooks so solid they drove Willie on his heels, but the champ didn't follow up.

Had he tossed punches at his elusive opponent, the champ would have looked ludicrous. On several occasions he did throw his right in an effort to tag the chin of the youngster, but missed by a mile. Pep saw the blow coming and was out of range. Then by way of retaliation the Connecticut lad would either push out his left against Wright's face half a dozen times in quick succession or jab in proper style. The push was awkward and crude for a fighter of Willie's reputation.

It was Pep's first important fight and his first appearance amidst such an assembly and that was responsible for his stage fright and clumsiness. He'll have to do much better in his future fights to rate high, regardless of his great winning streak. Willie has not lost a battle since turning pro. He has amassed a record of 54 victories.

The new champion was born in Hartford on September 20, 1922 and won the championship twenty years, two months and a day later. He is in the latest draft and despite the fact that he is the sole support of his family, the fact that he made a huge sum in the championship bout and that he has earned considerable money in his previous battles, will probably place him in the armed forces shortly. At least so I was informed.

I was told he will not be deferred when his classification as a draftee is made up because he is now in the same class with men like Joe Louis and Billy Conn and other champions who have been called to the colors. So we soon can expect another champion in the army.

It therefore behooves those in charge of his affairs to get busy if they want him to defend his world crown before the army halts him. The N. B. A. notwithstanding, there is only one world champion, Willie Pep, and Jackie Wilson, the N. B. A. title holder, doesn't fit into the picture.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES

By NAT FRANK

PHILADELPHIA fight fans are of the opinion that when a successor to Sammy Angott is chosen by an elimination tournament to be staged by the National Boxing Association, our own Bob Montgomery will be that man. In the Quaker City they can see no one so well qualified to take the top post as Montgomery, who fought Sammy three stubborn battles. Montgomery's recent defeat of Maxie Shapiro after previously having lost to him, was one of the outstanding feats of recent months. It is based on that return engagement against the sturdy New Yorker, that Bob and his friends figure he is entitled to first call over all of his rivals as successor to Angott. Incidentally, Bob is at this writing in Panama where he is booked for several bouts. He'll be back home in February.

And speaking of lightweight challengers, we also point out that there is another hefty pair around these parts worthy of consideration. They are Leon Haire, whose last ring engagement ended in a one round knockout over Abe Denner, and Ellis Phillips, the miniature Henry Armstrong.

Haire, who is under the management of Frankie Thomas, which makes him a stablemate of Montgomery, has been going like a house afire and from what we have seen of him, we dare say that he is good enough to step into the ring with the cream of the crop and dish out more than he will receive.

Phillips, under the dual management of Herman Diamond and Jack Puggy, is a good hitter. He is capable of belting out a rival with either hand. His last ring tiff was with Petey Scalzo, former featherweight king, and Ellis triumphed in handy fashion over his rival. This marked the second consecutive victory for Phillips over the one time ruler of the 126 pounders.

In the younger group of lightweights, who are bound to go places ere 1943 comes to a close, are George Larover, who has been bowling his rivals over with regularity, and Joe Belfiore. Incidentally, both Larover and Belfiore are trained by the popular Jack Stanley, who stands second to no one as a tutor of the self defense profession.

VBA DOINGS: Yi Yi (Young) Erne, who opposed 10 world's champions while in ring harness, conducts an athletic club in the Grays Ferry district . . . Tom Loughrey is a policeman in Ardmore and Frank is in the real estate business . . . Both Loughrey brothers waged fistic warfare on both continents . . . Prince Henry is a concessionaire in Central Park, near Allentown . . . Jack McCarron, the late Philadelphia Jack O'Brien's famed $50,000 middleweight beauty, is a prosperous land owner . . . His brother Joe, a lightweight, is sports editor of the *Chronicle-Call* . . . Bucky Boyle operates a night spot directly across the street from Mealey's Auditorium, where he scored his greatest ring triumphs . . . Pete Latzo, the ex-welter champ, is a defense worker in New Jersey and his brother Steve polices the town of Hazelton . . . Charlie Scully, who punched out the publicity for the last VBA banquet at Frank Palumbo's is with Uncle Sam's Navy in San Francisco . . . Hank Ames is secretary-treasurer of the bartenders' union . . . Battling Murray's son, Joseph DiRenza, is stationed at a Naval Air Station in Rhode Island . . . Harry Radel, Wicky Harkins' manager, is with the Marines in Parris Island . . . Pete Wagner has joined Uncle Sam's fighting forces . . . Walter Campbell, the grand old man of fistiana, never misses a meeting . . . Kid Stein conducts one of the finest meat markets in the city . . . Otto O'Keefe, who is responsible for the huge success of the VBA since its start, spurned a plea to remain as president for another term.

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OUR 1943 CRYSTAL BALL TELLS US THAT:—Herman Taylor will continue to be the number one fistic promoter hereabouts . . . The tremendous success he had with each of his cards during 1942, is convincing proof that there is no boxing impresario who stands on an equal footing with him . . . Pete Moran will remain in his number one position as a matchmaker. He knows FIGHTERS, be they mere novices or champions . . . Moran's vast knowledge of the hitsmiths and their respective ability, makes him a standout in the matchmaking field . . . George Larover will crash into the big time, due to his hefty sleep producing sock . . . Larry Torpey will revive the bantamweight class into a major fighting division . . . Frank "Blinky" Palermo will succeed in developing a star gladiator from the vast group of youngsters he now has under his supervision . . . Wicky Harkins will continue to be the miracle man of the hit and get hit trade . . . Johnny Walker will make Manager Dave Levey extremely happy with a long string of knockout conquests . . . Joe Granby, Dick Kane, Jim Cullens and Jack Stanley in a mad scramble for the right to be Philly's number one conditioner of pugilists . . . Jack Puggy to remain in a class by himself as manager, trainer and second for his gladiators . . . Frankie Carto to grow into a lightweight menace . . . Jake Freedman to unearth a new ring phenom to crash the headlines throughout the nation . . .

WITH UNCLE SAM'S NEPHEWS:—Ralph Schwartz, ex-round card boy for the Herman Taylor fistic extravaganzas, has been elevated to Sergeant in the Panama Canal Zone area . . . Eddie Kid Wagner, who fought them all in the lightweight field, recently became a member of the army . . . Big Pete Perri, one of Herman Taylor's public relations men, is another recent addition to the army payroll . . . Another of Taylor's press agents, Mort Berry, has been made a corporal . . . Al Ettore, now a marine, recently received a medal for perfect marksmanship, having scored 300 consecutive hits . . . Tommy Loughran, retired undefeated king of the 175 pounders, may now be addressed as Corporal . . . Tommy is in the Marines . . . Another Devil-Dog doing quite well is Harry Radel, who, before enlisting was the manager of Wicky Harkins and Abe Kaufman . . . It's Captain Vic Gunniss, of the U. S. Marine Corps, a nephew of the late Bob Gunniss . . . Vic, who knows all about the ring gladiators, past and present, was head of the Sunday feature department of the New York *Mirror* prior to his enlistment with the Sea-Air-Soldier fighting corps . . . Bobby Green, a rattling good featherweight around these parts, is asoldiering . . . Jimmy Tygh is in the thick of things as a Marine . . . Billy Maher is now the athletic director in his camp.

JUDGE OF THE MONTH:—Lou Tress has been on the Commission staff as a judge since its start. That Tress has been able to be a boxing judge for these many years speaks well of his ability.

Tress has judged the fights at the small clubs and the major clubs. He eyed the novices and the champions. He watched the sluggers and the dancing masters. Tress is a favorite with fans and public. He is one of our best fight judges.

FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUSS BURKE

BOXING is at a complete standstill in this district. Although there are two or three clubs in this vicinity where the simon-pures are still working out, there is not a single club showing pro fighters. One thing yours truly can't figure out, is why a city the size of St. Louis could never get under way with professional boxing shows. There are enough dyed-in-the-wool fight fans in St. Louis and vicinity to support good pro shows staged every two weeks or once a month. Just look at the number of fighters who have had to leave St. Louis for some other city to get a chance to realize their ambitions in seeking Ring careers! If there was some one who would devote some time and attention to building up professional boxing St. Louis could be as thriving a fight center as any other city its size.

St. Paul Social Center Club in East St. Louis, Ill., is still promoting grappling contests, using all weights from middleweights to the more popular heavies.

According to reports, St. Louis will be without its big annual fistic show, namely the *Globe Democrat* Golden Gloves Tournament. It doesn't seem right that this big attraction has to be abandoned as it was getting bigger and better every year. Last year the final night of the tournament was greeted by a record crowd of 13,000 fight fans who braved plenty of bad weather to witness the gala event.

Henry Chuchollek, one of the better than average amateur boxers from St. Louis, has been inducted into the army. Chuck was a ready mixer. Chuck is a southpaw middleweight and he used the So. Broadway Athletic Club for training facilities. Good Luck Chuck.

Willard Grubbs amateur boxer from St. Louis, scored the quickest victory of the tournament in winning by a T. K. O. from Joe Murphy of Cincinnati in 22 seconds of the first round, to annex the welterweight title of the Iowa Navy Pre-Flight School tourney.

Ray Palmer, a popular local fight referee and at one time just as popular a boxer, has enlisted in Uncle Sam's Seabees.

Bob Foxworth the East St. Louis Negro A. A. U. light heavyweight champion, was awarded second place in this district by the Ozark award committee. Foxworth decisioned Mike Buka the 1941 Golden Gloves Champ, to gain the championship in the 1942 Ozark A. A. U. Tournament.

Don't forget, anyone having any news or items of interest to readers of this column, send same to Buss Burke, Columbia, Illinois.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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have been fighting as pros in and around New York.

For the purpose of getting a pro boxing license, boys of sixteen have masqueraded under the eighteen years old banner. The policy of deliberately overlooking the ages of fighters under eighteen has been notoricusly prevalent in recent years. By legalizing the lower minimum, we would merely be removing the hypocrisy from many commissions. .

AS sensational a heavyweight battle as has been seen in the Garden this year took place on December 11 when Tami Mauriello continued his rise by knocking out Lou Nova, attempting a comeback, in 2:42 of the sixth round. Floored for a count of nine in the first round, Mauriello, on the verge of a kayo, proved his fighting courage as he has in the past, by coming through not only with a victory but stopping his opponent. Under the crushing fire of solid rights to the heart and to the stomach, Nova collapsed and had to be removed to a hospital for repairs.

The finish, a sensational one, also brought to a finish the career of Nova. For two rounds he appeared to have enough on the ball to carry him through, but as in other of his battles, he lacked the means to hold on to his advantage. Until Mauriello got his bearings, Lou was in the lead, but once those punishing right-hand wallops sank into Lou's mid-section, he was on the road to ruin. The wicked punches forced him to retreat and Mauriello, scenting the kill, never let up in his attack. He kept lashing out with his fists, rights to the body and lefts to the head until he had Nova dazed. A beautiful left hook crashed against the jaw and then came a wild left, followed by a very weak right, and Lou sank to the canvas and remained there for the full count.

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BOXING is proud of what the men under its banner are doing in the various branches of the armed forces. With more than 2,000 amateurs and pros wearing the uniform, the sport is the best represented of all. When the heroic deeds of our boys are recorded after this war is over, we shall find the names of outstanding athletes—boxers, baseball players, hockey stars, oarsmen and football luminaries, decorating the pages with stories of their exploits.

The story of Barney's heroism in the face of great odds in the Guadalcanal sector is too well known to our readers to repeat here. Suffice it to say that what Ross performed in line of duty, hundreds of other young, stalwart Americans are doing daily—some from our colleges, others from our farms and factories and still others from the streets of our crowded cities. Americans, one and all, they have been taught the meaning of fighting courage.

All branches of sports, particularly boxing, teach alertness under fire, courage and perseverance—three great assets for a man in the service. That's why our War, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard executives have made boxing compulsory in the training of our youth.

We are extremely proud of our athletes and what they are doing for us and we are equally proud of those who never gained any prominence in the field of sports but are doing a swell job, nevertheless, with our combat forces. There never will be a let down in athletics in this country if the developments of recent months are a criterion.

The Ring's Quiz Answers

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HERE are the answers to the questions printed on page 43.

1—Al McCoy, who took the middleweight crown from George Chip. He knocked out Chip in Brooklyn in one round.

2—The smallest was Tommy Burns, who was 5 feet 8 inches and the tallest was Jess Willard who was 6 feet 6¼ inches.

3—Jack Delaney, Louis Kid Kaplan, Bat Battalino, Willie Pep.

4—Jack Delaney and Jimmy Maloney in Madison Square Garden, $201,613.

5—Freddie Cochrane was the first in the present war and Mike O'Dowd, was first in the last war.

Rookies of the Ring

(Continued from page 29)

Athletic League and displayed a great aptitude for the sport. He entered amateur competition in 1940 when weighing around 120 pounds. Out of 42 simon-pure contests Root triumphed 35 times. He defeated Phil Terranova who, at that time, held the subnovice Golden Gloves featherweight title. And also beat among others, Jimmy Warren, who, as a pro, is undefeated in some 25 battles and is considered one of the most sparkling boxers in the game.

The young Negro generally outshines the main eventers on whose card he boxes in the preliminaries. Bobby is one of the trickiest scrappers in the game today—on the style of Fritzie Zivic—a ring strategist. As a result of his boxing skill, Root is generally forced to fight lightweights and welters—most of whom he has decisively beaten.

He'll make the grade. Watch this lad. Root is now in the Army.

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JERRY MOORE

JERRY MOORE is a colored lightweight who has class. He's a clever boxer with a good punch. He moves around the ring well, feints his foes into openings and fires sharp blows. In short he performs like a polished boxer. Having been taught the science of boxing by the master instructor, George Gainsford, who is greatly responsible for the success of Ray Robinson and many other colored scrappers, Moore displays admirable fistic talent.

Born in New York on September 12, 1921, Jerry graduated from public school and Commercial High, where he played basketball. Moore proudly admits that he is an expert checker player, adding, "Maybe that's why I move well in the ring, and why I successfully check the wild rushing of aggressive opponents—if you'll pardon the puns."

Jerry started as an amateur in 1939. He won the open class Diamond Belt lightweight title the following year. Also the All-Eastern American and National championships, in Boston. In 1941 he annexed the Junior National 135-pound title, in Philadelphia. He won 91 of his simon-pure contests out of 100.

Moore turned pro a year ago under the direction of Sammy Aaronson and has lost 3 out of fifteen battles. He boxed a draw with Carmine Fatta, a thoroughly experienced fighter who has beaten many topnotch lightweights. Jerry has defeated Eddie Alzek, a seasoned ringman whose long list of victories over prominent lightweights is known to almost every fight fan. Also listed as his victims are welterweights Herbie Kronowith and Gene Johnson. Moore has triumphed over Danny Williams, who holds decisions over Young Kid McCoy and Wicky Harkins.

Victories over such men leave little doubt of Moore's fistic ability or that he'll fail to make a strong bid for the vacated 135-pound title. While in New England, he fought under the name of Jerry Williams.

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FRANKIE BEST

NEW YORK, which has sent into the professional ranks many good lads in the past three years, has another newcomer who looms as a good prospect. He is Frankie Best from Fredonia, a middleweight with an excellent record as an amateur. As a simon-pure, Frankie engaged in 45 ring battles and emerged the winner in all but three bouts.

Among his winning contests, were those with Jimmy Mulligan, Joe Carter and Sampson Powell, the National middleweight king. He stands five feet 11½ inches. Frankie has a big following in his home sector. Most impressive of his pro wins is that one over Johnny Lawer of Cleveland.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS

By ANTHONY COPPI

BOXING interest has been revived in Indianapolis as evidenced by two straight capacity crowds at the local Armory. Fights are staged by the Hercules Athletic Club, with Lloyd Carter as matchmaker. The five-event card weekly is topped by an always interesting main-go. Carter is also promoter of the Tuesday night wrestling shows.

Willard Reed dethroned Red Bruce as state heavyweight champ in the second of their two meetings. In the initial encounter, Reed kayoed the colored state champ in the first stanza of a non-title ten-round bout. A week later in a scheduled twelve-round title go, Reed won by a T.K.O. in nine rounds. Bruce was unable to continue after suffering a badly cut lower lip.

Johnny Denson, heavyweight, who piled up points with a good-looking left, won a ten-round decision over Harold (Dutch) Ullmer of Milwaukee. Denson, after serving a "suspension sentence" for lack of training, showed up well against the Wisconsin mauler.

Robert Simmons, colored scrappy welterweight, after a string of 17 consecutive wins in local rings, lost by a first-round knockout to Bill Parsons of Danville, Ill. . . . . Earl Paul, young slugging lightweight, lost his first professional fight to Joe O'Neal of Chicago in a torrid six-round bout. Paul, clever in-fighter, was bested in this department by O'Neal, who scored repeatedly with close-up shots . . . . With the title tucked away in his possession, Reed was inducted into the Army a few days after he had won his crown. Indianapolis fight fans will be anxious to see Red Bruce and Johnny Denson rematched. In a previous bout, Bruce won over Denson.

Lou Thomas, heavyweight, a former state champ before Bruce and Reed, is now in the armed forces.

SECTIONAL RATINGS

IN an effort to develop local interest in the boys who are fighting their way to national recognition, THE RING has had its correspondents list the boxers of their localities according to ability as exemplified in their 1942 contests. Here is THE RING'S annual sectional ranking of boxers:

CALIFORNIA RATINGS
By Harry E. Winkler

Heavyweights—Pat Valentino. Turkey Thompson, Connie Norden, Martin Goldberg, George Giambastiani.

Light-heavyweights—Lloyd Marshall, Jack Coggins, Johnny (Bandit) Romero, Bob Smith, Tommy Garland.

Middleweights—Eddie Booker, Archie Moore, Jack Chase, Aaron (Tiger) Wade, Bobby Birch.

Welterweights—Jackie Wilson, Henry Armstrong, Rudolfo Ramirez, Earl Turner, Sheik Rangel.

Lightweights—Ray Lunny, Juan Zurita, Verne Bybee, John Thomas, George Latka.

Featherweights—Chalky Wright, Carlos Chavez, Al Medrano, Donnie Maes, Kent Martinez.

Bantamweights—Manuel Ortiz, Tony Olivera, Horace Mann, Lupe Cordoza, George Freitas.

Flyweight—None worthy of mention.

PHILADELPHIA RATINGS
By Nat Frank

Heavyweights—Gus Dorazio, Lou Brooks, Henry Allen, Willie Reddish, Tony Gangemi.

Light-heavyweights—Eddie Wilson, Cleve Bailey, Bob Jacobs, Tommy Clark.

Middleweights—Johnny Walker, Young Kid Robinson, Young Gene Buffalo, Pedro Tomez, Burley Lanier.

Welterweights—Mayon Padlo, Wicky Harkins, Al Tribuani, Cliff Dyes, Tommy Cross.

Lightweights—Bob Montgomery, Ellis Phillips, Leon Haire, Johnny Hutchinson, Joe Belfiore.

Featherweights—Frankie Carto, Johnny Forte, Johnny Marcelline, Quencel McCall.

Bantamweight—Larry Torpey.

Flyweight—Larry Torpey.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT
By Ray M. Todd

Heavyweights

1—Billy Conn
2—Harry Bobo
3—Yancey Henry
4—Curtis Sheppard
5—Two Ton Tony Cira
6—Paul (Buddy) Komar
7—Joey Mason
8—Al Patterson
9—Willie Huff

Light-heavyweights

1—Billy Soose
2—Mose Brown
3—Erv Sarlin
4—Zack Robinson
5—Otto Blackwell

Middleweights

1—Tommy Yarosz
2—Ossie Harris
3—Joey Mattis
4—Jimmy Johnston
5—Freddie Lenn
6—Jimmy Franklin
7—Howard Hazlett
8—Jack McCahill
9—Russ Baxter
10—Jackie Adragna

Welterweights

1—Fritzie Zivic
2—Carmen Notch
3—Sammy Secreet
4—Ernie Pelaia
5—Pete Spotti
6—Ray Ferris
7—Wad Blackwell
8—Mark Lockman
9—Buddy Samuels
10—George Silvasy

Lightweights

1—Jackie Armitage
2—Sammy Parrotto
3—Jackie Wilson
4—Sammy Adragna
5—Buddy Samarco
6—Teddy Phillips
7—Jerry Kiger
8—Bob Crosby
9—Bobby Comerene

Featherweights

1—Mike Raffa
2—Paul Carbetta
3—Billy Bates
4—Mimmie Adragna

VANCOUVER AND VICINITY RATINGS
By J'm Johnston

Heavyweights—Eddie Wenstob, Packy Paul, Fred Zimmerman.

Light-heavyweights—Harry "Kid" Mathews, Frankie Guenther, Jack Kilbane.

Middleweights—Harry "Kid" Mathews, Al Hostak, Costello Cruz.

Welterweights—Al Lust, Eddie Marcus, Young Tommy Burns, Al Spina.

Lightweights—Davey Ward, Phil Palmer, Henry Devine.

Featherweights—Kenny Lindsay, Jimmy Chapman, Earl Bergstrom.

Bantamweights—Kenny Lindsay, Henry Moreno, Sammy Kline.

Flyweight—Jackie Turner.

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RATINGS OF TEXAS FIGHTERS
By Bill Davee

Heavyweights—Eddie Ownby, Jack Marshall, J. D. Turner.

Light-heavyweights—Jimmy Webb, Elby Pettaway, Carl Dalio.

Middleweights—Amado Rodriquez, Midget Mexico, Calvin Benefield.

Welterweights—Paul Altman, Artie Dorrell, Joe Keys.

Lightweights—Lew Jenkins, Manuel Azteca, Eddie Kirroga.

Featherweight—Johnny Ramos.

Bantamweight—Johnny Pacheco.

NEW ENGLAND RATINGS
By Don Hamill

Heavyweights—Nathan Mann, Hamden, Conn.; Tony Shucco, Boston, Mass.; Bill Weinberg, Boston, Mass.; Johnny Shkor, Boston, Mass.; Charley Eagle, Waterbury, Conn.

Light-heavyweights—Ted Lowry, New Bedford, Mass.; Charley Babcock, Bangor, Me.; Gunboat Davis, Providence, R. I.

Middleweights—Coley Welch, Portland, Me.; Henry Chmielewski, Old Orchard Beach, Me.; Frankie Nelson, Portland, Me.; Tommy Jones, Fitchburg, Mass.; Frankie Britt, Fall River, Mass.; Johnny Seaman, Quincy, Mass.

Welterweights—Cocoa Kid, New Haven, Conn.; Georgie Martin, Boston, Mass.; Garvey Young, Boston, Mass.; Ralph Zannelli, Providence, R. I.; Irish Eddie Dolan, Waterbury, Conn.; Verne Patterson, Hartford, Conn.; Freddie Cabral, Cambridge, Mass.; Buster Beaupre, Burlington, Vt.; Bill Tordiglione, Boston, Mass.; Young Byron, Roxbury, Mass.; Babe Synott, Fall River, Mass.

Lightweights—Tommy Jessup, Springfield, Mass.; Abe Denner, Boston, Mass.; Kelly Jessup, Springfield, Mass.; Moe Weiss, Haverhill, Mass.; Leo Dulmaine, Worcester, Mass.

Featherweights—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.; Sal Bartola, Boston, Mass.; Jackie Callura, Providence, R. I.; Angelo Callura, Providence, R. I.; Joey Archibald, Pawtucket, R. I.; Larry Bolvin, Providence, R. I.; Johnny Compo, New Haven, Conn.; Joey Iannotti, New Haven, Conn.; Lefty LaChance, Lewiston, Me.; Snooks Lacey, New Haven, Conn.; Al Luciano, Boston, Mass.; Al Sforza, Boston, Mass.

Bantamweights—Paul Herrick, Portland, Me.; Earl Roys, Bristol, Conn.

LATIN-AMERICAN RATINGS
By Jorge A. Vieites

Heavyweights—Alberto Lovell, Arturo Godoy, Julio L. Diaz, Ernesto Carnesse, Claudio Villar, Giraldo Valdes.

Light-heavyweights—Mario Ochoa, Julio L. Diaz, Andres Dominguez, Young Maceo, Ruben Marti, Mario Griffin.

Middleweights—Kid Tunero, Mario Ochoa, Antonio Fernandez, Rene Sanchez, Daniel Calcagno, Sid Brown.

Welterweights—Cocoa Kid, Antonio Fernandez, Joe Legon, Raoul Carabantes, Kid Azteca, Manolo Sanchez.

Lightweights—Santiago Sosa, Juan Zurita, Carlos Malacara, Juan Villalba, Carmelo Fenoy, Young Finnigan.

Featherweights—Pedro Hernandez, Nacional Kid, Oscar Calles, Baby Coullimber, Pedro Poey, Baby Nelson.

Bantamweights—Alberto Peña, Humberto Espinosa, Mario Morales, Leonardo Lopez, Kid Zefine, Lorenzo Safora.

Flyweights—Humberto Espinosa, Luis Castillo, Mario Pacheco, San Blas, Ramon Yero, Raoul Sanguily.

CLEVELAND RATINGS
By Sparky Rudolph

Heavyweights—Jimmy Bivins, Joey Maxim, Buddy Walker.

Light-heavyweights—Jimmy Bivins, Anton Christoforidis, Shelton Bell, Jimmy Reeves.

Middleweights—Ezzard Charles, Sonny Horne, George Kochan, George Baratka.

Welterweights—Bobby Richardson, Vince Turpin, Kayo Morgan, Cleo McNeil.

Lightweights—Harry Teaney, Joey Pirrone, Berry Wright.

Featherweights—Jimmy Trusso, Sammy Derrico.

Bantamweight—Buddy Smallwood.

MIDWEST RATINGS
By Sparky Rudolph

Heavyweights—Jimmy Bivins, Harry Bobo, Joey Maxim, Altus Allen, Buddy Walker.

Light-heavyweights—Jimmy Bivins, Ezzard Charles, Anton Christoforidis; Booker Beckwith, Mose Brown.

Middleweights—Tony Zale, Nate Bolden, Charley Burley, Jimmy Reeves, Sonny Horne.

Welterweights—Cleveland Jackie Wilson, Fritzie Zivic, Jimmy Edgar, Garvey Young, Bobby Richardson.

Lightweights—Willie Joyce, Harry Teaney, Leo Rodak, Eddie Landers, Joey Pirrone.

Featherweights—Mike Raffa, Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson, Benny Goldberg, Bobby McIntire, Jimmy Trusso.

Bantamweight—Freddie Pope.

Flyweight—None.

SOUTHERN RATINGS
By Pvt. Tom Ephrem

Heavyweights—Buddy Scott, Tommy Gomez, Elmer "Kid" Ray, Tiger Beech.

Light-heavyweights—Leo Center, Charlie Jerome.

Middleweight—Baxley Hardy.

Welterweights—Billy Murray, Sammy Magra, Bobby Britton.

Lightweights—Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, Clarence King, Young Allen McCarney, Russell Whilwhite.

Featherweight—Jimmy Kidd Hatcher.

RHODE ISLAND RATINGS
By Danny Nardi

Heavyweight—Pete Louthis.

Light-heavyweights—Abel Gonsalves, Johnny Duarte.

Middleweights—Jimmy Orobona, Paul Colucci.

Welterweights—Ralph Zannelli, Ernie Forte, Nat Cannatta, Al Bojac.

Lightweight—Patsy Brandino.

Featherweights—Jackie Callura, Larry Bolvin, Joey Archibald.

Bantamweight—Tony Davis.

CANADIAN RATINGS
By Lawson Bampton

Heavyweights—Al Delaney, Oshawa, Ont. (champion); Oliver Shanks, Montreal.

Lightheavies—Tiger Warrington, Liverpool, N.S. (champion); Eddie Wenstob, Viking, Alta.; A. Evans, Montreal, and Gerard Vachon, Drummondville, Que.

Middleweights—Len Wadsworth, Timmins, Ont. (champion); Wilfie Shanks, Montreal; Nick Madnick, Glace Bay, N. S.

Welterweights—Dave Castilloux, Montreal (champion); Harry Hurst, Montreal; Al Lust, Calgary, Alta.; Maxie Berger, Montreal & New York.

Lightweights—Dave Castilloux, Montreal (champion); Harry Hurst, Montreal; Johnny Greco, Montreal; Angelo Callura, Hamilton, Ont.

Featherweights—Jackie Callura, Hamilton, Ont.; Camille Gosselin, Montreal.

Bantamweights—Kenny Lindsay, Vancouver, B.C.; Spider Armstrong, Toronto; Eddie Petrin, Montreal (champion).

Flyweights—Adelard Drouin, Quebec; Lou O'Connor, Montreal.

NEW JERSEY RATINGS
By Harry Mansbach

Heavyweights—Lee Savold, Larry Land, Wallace Cross.

Lightheavyweights—Gus Lesnevich, Jack Fowlkes, Bill Grant.

Middleweights—Danny Rosati, Steve Hostak, Jack Kenny.

Welterweights—Red Cochrane, Freddie Archer, Perry Lowe.

Lightweights—Allie Stolz, Tippy Larkin, Walter Stevens.

Featherweights—Freddie Yellavich, Frank Franconeri, Frankie Duane.

HAWAII RATINGS
By Bill Kim and Ken Misumi

Light-heavyweights—Gilbert Lowenstein, Johnny Dias, Ralph De John, Red Farmer, Roxie Forgione.

Middleweights—Dencio Cabanella, Johnny Diaz, Al Di Carlos, Red Ketterman, Wayne Powell, Caesar Ferro, Red Terry.

Welterweights—Dencio Cabanella, Clever Henry, Flashy Sebastian, Don Lee, Freddy Lawrence.

Lightweights—Cris Crispin, Gene Golloto, Herman Kaakua, Eddie Salazar.

Featherweights—Dave Kui Kong Young, Cris Crispin, Serio Mendoza, Eddie Salazar, Willie Gonzales.

Bantamweights—Rush Dalma, Dave Kui Kong Young, Little Dado, Dado Marino, Adolph Samuels.

Flyweights—Little Dado, Dado Marino.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

NATE BOLDEN, Chicago light-heavyweight Negro boxer, stormed his way to the front ranks when he larruped Johnny Colan of New York in ten rounds at the Chicago Stadium.

Colan, an aggressive puncher, went after his prey right at the outset, scoring frequently with fast pitches to Bolden's body, and at times reversing his attack to the head. Colan took the first two rounds, but in his determination to maintain the attack, Bolden countered one of these rushes with a neatly executed left-hook to the point of the chin that dropped Colan in his tracks. Colan took a nine count and held his own for the rest of the round.

Colan regained his stride during the fourth and fifth sessions, opening a cut over Bolden's left eye. The sixth found Nate utilizing his deft left jab to advantage.

Colan again forged to the front during the seventh and eighth frames, working on Bolden's midriff. However, the experienced South Chicagoan, who is cool as a cucumber under fire, opened up in the ninth round and his speed kept the Gothamite at bay.

The tenth and final stanza revealed Nate in an "all out" finish. Bolden stabbed the rushing Colan repeatedly, jarred Johnny's head back with follow-up rights and shifted dynamic left-hooks to the body of his adversary. Bolden weighed 172 pounds and Colan tipped the beam at 179 pounds. Immediately after Colan had changed his ring paraphernalia to civilian garb, he scurried back to New York via plane, where he enlisted in a gigantic fight program. Colan is now in the U. S. Coast Guard.

Altus Allen, heavy-fisted Chicago Negro belter, finished Sgt. Joe Muscato in round four of their slated eight-round semi-windup, with a right-hand smash to the jaw. Muscato weighed in at 195; Allen scaled 194.

In the remaining bouts Alvin Gomez, fast-rising Negro light-weight from Chicago's South Side, hammered out a well-deserved win over the hard-punching Joey Pirrone, Cleveland 136-pounder, in six rounds. Tommy Lemmon, 140-pounder out of Milwaukee, kayoed Jimmy Varketta, 135-pound Clevelander, in round five. In the curtain raiser, Vince Calzaretta, heavyweight, also from Chicago's South Side, outfought the veteran Dutch Ullmer. This was a four rounder. Calzaretta came in at 190 pounds and Ullmer weighed 187. The gross gate was $17,718.30.

Nate Lewis, famed Ol' Bald Eagle, who was confined to the hospital due to a stomach disorder, is up and around again to the delight of the boxing fraternity. Nate is one of the most lovable characters in pugilism.

Quentin "Baby" Breese, Milwaukee 140-pounder flattened the Mexican belter, Joe Dupont, South Chicago Mexican, in round three of their scheduled eight-round windup at the Marigold Gardens Arena. The time was 1:57 seconds. Dupont, a good puncher in his own right, just can't seem to shake off an opponent's blast.

Frank Greene, Chicago's South Side Negro, was awarded a five-round technical knockout victory over Mickey Hayes, Milwaukee 195-pounder, who received an injury to his right arm. They were to have gone eight rounds.

Private Ernie Derho, stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, won a six-round decision over Mike Sopko, Indian Harbor 158-pounder. Derho revealed too much on the ball for Mike, who is rugged in his own right, but lacked sufficient variations in his attack to cope with Ernie.

Johnny O'Brien, Calumet City, Polish middleweight, kayoed James Smyles, colored, of the South Side, in the third round of a scheduled five round tiff.

Tony Motisi, C.Y.O. welterweight representative, trekked over to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he opposed Carmen Notch, in one-half of a double windup. Motisi won a deserving ten-round decision.

Billy White, who didn't fare any too well around here, and who came to Chicago with a fine record, is once again showing his wares to advantage. Latest reports on White finds the Baltimorean back on his home stamping grounds winning again. His most recent win was over Al Tribuani there.

Quentin "Baby" Breese, Wisconsin 138-pounder, continued his Windy City winning streak via the decision route over Gene Spencer, who put forth a gallant effort but fell short of Breese's winning form. Spencer weighed 132 pounds for this eight-round encounter. Were it not for Breese's last round stand, Spencer could have eked out a win. For seven rounds, Gene peppered Breese at will although he received many a hard body blow in return. In the eighth and final stanza, "Baby" opened up and thrashed Spencer thoroughly, which proved the victory margin in his favor.

Al Walker, South Side junior welterweight, evened the score for a previous defeat at the hands of Jimmy Joyce, brother of the more famed Willie, by catapulting over the Gary boxer along the six round route. This was listed as the semi-windup, which was held at the Marigold Gardens Arena.

In the additional bouts on the card, Cairo Hodges, South Side heavyweight, stopped Marion Ernest of Danville, Ill., in the opening cantor of their four-round fray. Johnny O'Brien, Calumet City 158-pounder, dropped Isadore Minor, of Chicago's West Side, for the count in round two of their slated four-round tiff, and Teddy Lewis and Clarence Thurman, a pair of South Side welters, opened the program with Lewis emerging victorious.

According to latest reports, Bill Petersen, husky protege of Earl McClure, has retired from the ring. Petersen, who is twenty-five years of age, proved his mettle in the squared-circle and we can't understand why he quit.

Sgt. Joe Muscato kayoed Frank Greene, in-and-out heavyweight from Chicago's South Side, in the opening fray of their scheduled ten rounder. A blow to the chin sent Greene sprawling through the ropes with the colored lad's head crashing to the floor. The impact of the fall against the floor made it impossible for Frank to beat the count.

Mike Sopko, Indiana Harbor 158-pounder, won over Johnny O'Brien. This was the billed semi-feature.

In the preliminary encounters, Tommy Lemmon 140-pound Milwaukee puncher, achieved a kayo win over James Smyles, colored, in round two. Al Reasoner, colored, of Chicago's South Side, defeated Jimmy Joyce, in a six-round embroglio, and Harold Ullmer, Milwaukee 187-pounder, and Lou Campbell, another colored Chicagoan, went five rounds to a standstill. This was another Marigold headliner.

Leon Haire, who had one or two fighters in the Windy City, has been doing fine work over in the state of Pennsylvania and other Eastern states. He continued his fine work at the expense of Abe Denner.

Ray Brown, former Chicago Bantam and a Featherweight Golden Glove champion, is continuing his ring successes as a pro. He beat Vic Coronado at Philadelphia in a hot tilt.

Lou Jackson, a theatrical and booking agent of prizefighters, who is a close associate of Milton Berle, famed comedian, is stationed at a hospital in Brigham City, Utah.

Sgt. Joe Muscato, fighting at the Marigold Gardens Arena, defeated Clayton Worlds, 6 feet, 4 inches tall and scaling 192 pounds, in a ten-rounder. Muscato utilized his strength to advantage in close quarters on the South Side Negro.

The sub-attraction pitted Johnny O'Brien and Mike Sopko, both from the State of Indiana, against each other and they fought a 4-round draw.

James Fitzjames, Cleveland light-heavyweight, defeated Zack Robinson, in a six-round fracas. Jack Hill, Bloomington 165-pounder, won over Bishop Murphy in four rounds and Harold Lang, young Seward Park giant heavyweight, weighing 220 pounds, sent Lindy Elliot down for the count in the second frame of their scheduled four rounder. Elliot is a New Yorker.

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IN PANAMA CITY
By ROBERTO A. TORRES

COCOA KID, 150, of New York City won a sterling ten rounder over Syd Brown, 155, of Kingston, Jamaica, and champion of the West Indies, at the Olympic Stadium. The Kid who was making his third start in Panama City, received a butt over his left eye in the third round and had to be on the defensive until the seventh, when he opened up to take the last three, thus gaining the unanimous decision. Brown was knocked down in the second round for a two count but got off the floor and weathered the storm. While in Panama Cocoa knocked out Young Hurtado, Panama's lightweight king in three; decisioned Dan Calcagno of Puerto Rico in ten and Syd Brown, middleweight of Jamaica, in ten.

Aquilino Allen, 135, of Panama scored a most impressive ten rounds decision over Pedrito Martinez, 135, of Havana, Cuba. This bout, which was a semi-final to the Cocoa-Syd Brown mill, proved to be the best of the evening. Both boys pounded away at each other. The decision was split.

Kid Cameron, 139, making his first start since he was knocked out by Panama's latest sensation, Tito Despaigne, knocked out Al Frank, 145, in the second round. Young Sampson, 125, Dr. Vincent de Hall's protege, made a grandstand finish to earn a six rounds draw with Young Shadow II, 133, of Panama. Young Garcia, 113, decisioned Kid Wilson, 112, in four rounds.

Promoter Cambra presented his four aces in the persons of Leonardo Lopez of Mexico, Kid Zefine of Panama, Lorenzo Safora of Cuba and Baby Nelson of Panama, in a double ten rounds feature that attracted 10,000 fans. Kid Zefine, 118, bantamweight champion of Panama, decisively whipped Leonardo Lopez, 119, of Mexico City to avenge a defeat handed the Kid five weeks ago. The twelve rounds distance seemed to favor the Mexican before the fight, but at the end of the first round his left eye was as puffed as a ripe tomato. Lopez took a beating for the first six rounds but rallied in the seventh and eighth. At the end of the ninth he was unable to see out of the left eye which was entirely closed. The doctor was called up, but he advised that Lopez could continue, which he did. The Mexican tried in vain for a knockout but the local boy just kept out of his way getting the unanimous decision of the judges and referee.

Baby Nelson, 123, of Panama staged one of the best fights of his career when he defeated Lorenzo Safora, 122, of Havana, Cuba, in ten rounds. The Babe, who was a ten to three underdog, surprised the fans by putting up a gallant stand. Safora landed the harder punches but missed repeatedly.

Tito Despaigne, 138, of Panama, who is rapidly becoming one of the local favorites, knocked out Al Romero, 140, in the second round. Referee Pinzon stopped it in 2:23 of the second round.

Papito Despaigne, 114, brother of Tito, knocked out Kid Batista, 110, in the third round. Baby Wilson, 130, drew in four rounds with Kid Black, 130, also of Panama.

Carlos Malacara, 136, of Mexico City, making his second appearance in Panama City, won a hard ten rounder over Panama's up-and-coming feather, Young Finnigan, 135, of the City of Colon, who was making his ninth appearance. A large contingent of fans journeyed over with the Colonite and he did not disappoint them. He fought the best fight of his short career.

Al Finnigan, 128, of Colon, lost a heart-breaker in six rounds to Battling Nelson, 129, ex-featherweight champion of Panama. Nelson was given the nod but the fans protested loudly, voicing their opinion in favor of Finnigan.

Young Nelson, 121½, of Panama, defeated Fellow Soto, 123, of Havana, Cuba, in six rounds in a return go. Nelson had defeated Soto previously.

Calcagno II, 131½, of Panama, defeated Young Shadow II, 132, also of Panama, in six rounds. Calcagno surprised everybody by outfighting and outslugging his heavier foe. Kid Mendoza, 122, of Panama, knocked out Hony Far, 120, of Colon, in two rounds.

Dan Calcagno, 148, of Puerto Rico, and Raul Carrabantes, 150, of Chile, danced around for ten rounds while the crowd of 1500 looked on and laughed. At the end one of the worst decisions was handed down when Calcagno was awarded the verdict.

Tito Despaigne, 135, Panama's up-and-coming champion, knocked out Young Tunney in the sixth round. Tunney received a big gash over his right eye, on account of which he was unable to continue.

Leocadio Torres, 130, ex-bantamweight champion of Panama, won an easy decision over Lorenzo Safora, 124, of Havana, Cuba. Safora who had previously lost to Kid Zefine, Jack Renault and Baby Nelson, was no match for the bigger and stronger Torres who punched away at Safora's body at will. In the seventh, Torres raised a shiner over the Cuban's right eye that bothered him for the rest of the fight. At the end of the ten rounds the judges and referee all voted for the Panamanian boy.

Tolentino Diaz, 108, defeated Papito Despaigne, 110, in four rounds.

Young Garcia drew in four heats with Kid Black.

At the National Olympic Stadium of Panama City, Jeo Legon, 147¼, welterweight champion of Cuba, lost a questionable ten rounds decision to Antonio Fernandito Fernandez, 150, welterweight champion of South America, before a crowd of 6000 fans. Legon started out like a house afire and for six rounds had Antonio Fernandito on the receiving end. For the first time since he began fighting in Panama, Fernandez was worried. He had a right to be because Legon's bolo punches met their mark time and again. Legon took the first, third, fourth and fifth, Fernandez the eighth, ninth and tenth with the sixth and seventh a draw.

Al Singer, 110, of Panama, lost a six rounder to Gerardo Beckford in a slugfest. Beckford, the younger of the two, got the advantage after the fourth when Singer tired. Kid Rodriguez, 148, of Panama, was given a draw in a six rounder against Baby Cooper, 147, of Gamboa, Canal Zone. Joe Lucas, 155, knocked out Carl Roberts, 154, in the third round of a four rounder. Kid Batista, 112, drew in four against Llano Kid, 113.

Jack Renault, 122, bantam champion of the City of Colon, got the judges' decision over Paladio Collins, 122, of Panama, in ten rounds of slow, uninteresting fighting. Kid Cucu, 143, of Colombia, won a hard earned six rounder over Percy Garnett, 134, of Bocas del Toro.

Baby Al Brown, 134, of Kingston, Jamaica, knocked out Pedrito Martinez, 132, of Havana, Cuba, in the fourth round. Martinez, after giving Brown a licking for three rounds, failed to stand up under a fourth round punishment in the stomach and decided to call it a night, the referee counting him out in 2:32.

Al Morales, 148, of Colombia, knocked out Battling Smith, 146, of Colon, in the last round of a six rounder. With but twelve seconds to go Morales landed the haymaker.

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By MEYER ACKERMAN

WILLIE PEP literally ran away with old Chalky Wright's featherweight crown in their fifteen round title fight in Madison Square Garden to become the third champion in that division developed in the State of Connecticut.

The Hartford Hare probably covered more mileage during the course of the contest than he ordinarily would consume doing road work in preparation for a fight as he flicked annoying left hands into the flat-nosed features of the ageless Durango born Mexican to bracket his name along with Louis Kid Kaplan and Battling Battalino, his more famous predecessors.

The writer wonders what thoughts ran through the mind of Kaplan, seated at the ringside, as Pep raced in and out of the ring corners and along the ropes to backpedal his way to the championship.

It could be that Pep is a lot better fighter than he showed against the dangerous punching Negro, and followed strict corner orders to move and jab his way to an easy victory over the slowly shuffling Wright. But whatever it was, the writer seemed to note a rather disappointed lull in the enthusiasm on the part of the capacity-filled Garden arena, most of whom came down from Hartford to view their local pride, from the time that Pep was introduced as the challenger, until the time his hand was raised as the new champion.

This corner credited Pep with eleven rounds while Wright captured four.

The last time that Willie appeared in the Garden, he tore into Frank Franconeri with a lightning attack that took both the customers and Franconeri by surprise, and before either could get their bearings, the fight was over and Pep was hailed as the fastest and sharpest hitting featherweight in the world who had only to force Wright into a title match to emerge the new champion.

From the opening bell, it seemed apparent that Pep meant to rely on his legs to outspeed the former chauffeur of Mae West. In the fifth, Wright caught up with the Hartford speedster without the use of one of the glamour gal's cars, hurt him with a left hook with which he cut Willie's left eye, and beat him around the middle with an assortment of damaging blows. Wright shaded the youngster in the sixth and seventh rounds.

But from there on until the fourteenth frame, Pep's pep was entirely too much for the Chalk who maneuvered the youngster into position time and again only to see the wily Willie speed out of these danger zones before Wright could get set to throw a punch, flicking that annoying jab as he backed away. Chalky was credited with the last round, which didn't help.

In spots, Wright seemed to show little inclination to fight, smiled at the youngster's surprising speed, and behaved like anything but a champion who is aware that the crown is slipping through his fingers. Perhaps the "old rocking chair blues" had Chalky, whose advanced age still remains a mystery.

At any rate, a new champion has been crowned, and although this corner must frankly confess it was a little disappointed with Willie Pep's efforts, let's say that it may have been the seriousness of the situation which shackled the best efforts of the Hartford youngster, and hope that he will show more improvement now that the pressure is off and he has achieved his goal.

Happy reign, Willie!

The fight attracted the biggest gate in the history of an indoor featherweight championship affair as the paid attendance reached 19,521 with the gate totaling $71,868.

Pep scaled 125½; Wright 125¾.

Jimmy Bivins made his debut in Madison Square Garden by winning a ten-round decision over Lee Savold but his victory left the customers wondering how the Negro ever in anybody's name managed to whip fighters of the Bob Pastor and Tami Mauriello caliber back in his home town of Cleveland. Indeed those patrons who managed to stay awake, wished that the highly touted, over-stuffed light heavyweight had remained home as the fight sent historians scurrying to their libraries in search of a heavyweight fight which could match the dullness of the efforts put on exhibition by these principals.

Bivins, who came here heralded as a lion, as his string of victories would indicate, fought like a lamb, and with Savold content to grab and grope through the ten rounds, the match took on all the aspects of a boring drama to a disgruntled audience. The official customer count reached 11,854, and had they all entered the 8th Avenue arena with passes, they still would have overpaid. The chances are that had the fight been held in a different state, the commission would have held up their purses and held an investigation.

The excuses offered were of course, silly ones. They most always are—such as "I couldn't get started."

"He wouldn't open up so I couldn't get a shot at him."

"It takes two to make a fight and Savold wouldn't fight."

Well, good fighters make their own openings.

Some day a fighter is going to make a real bad fight, which is only natural as athletes in other branches of sports have bad days too, and surprise everybody and admit it was his fault and that he fought like a real novice.

The fault was mainly in Savold's reluctance to lead. For a fellow who had only a month ago made such a sensational fight with Tami Mauriello, flooring the Bronx Italian although losing the decision, Savold's performance against Bivins bordered on the futile.

No blame, however, should be placed on the matchmaking department of Sir Michael Strauss Jacobs. They don't do the fighting for the fiddling fisticuffers. They match 'em and match 'em well.

Bivins scaled 175½; Savold, 195.

In the only good fight of the night, Sanders Cox, a heavyweight out of Dallas, Texas, handed Jimmy Carollo, Corona Golden Glover, his initial defeat as a professional, but in defeat, the latter looked better than he ever had in victory. The boys battered each other silly as the crowd roared in approval, and although Carollo hurt the Texan with smashing blows in the fourth round, Cox weathered the storm and came from behind to snatch victory. At 184½, Cox spotted Carollo nine and a half pounds at the scales.

In a six-round fight staged after the main event, Tony Gangemi, 184, outpointed Plato Yarmchuk, 203½.

In a third heavyweight six rounder, Wallace Cross, Newark Negro, won handily over Adam Spencer. Cross scaled 209¼; Spencer, 206½.

In a mild six round affair which featured lightweights, Walter Stevens, 135¼, Newark, was awarded a decision over Joey Manfro, Bronx, 139¾.

Herbie Katz, the Brownsville light heavyweight who fights as well as he pleases, was in a fighting frame of mind in his borough grudge affair with Tommy Campanella, Bay Ridge, with the result that Herbie stopped his opponent in the fourth round of a scheduled ten round feature at the Broadway Arena before an estimated crowd of thirty-five hundred excited fans.

Katz was at his best as he outboxed Campanella all the way, hurting Tommy with body blows in the third frame and whipping over a short right hand uppercut in the fourth frame that felled the Bay Ridge Italian for a nine count. Although Campanella arose, he was in no condition to continue with the result that Referee Johnny Marto halted the uneven contest before Katz could cause serious damage.

Katz scaled 175¼; Campanella, 173.

In the semifinal six-round contest, Willie Beltram, a likely looking east sider, made it three in a row over Rocco Rossano by winning the decision in a hard fought battle. Beltram, at 134½, punched a little too fast for Rocco who scaled 134¼.

In another six round fight, Al Barbosa, Port Chester middleweight, defeated Wilfred Shanks, Montreal youngster.

In a fight limited to six rounds because of his age, Sonny Horne, Niles, Ohio, middleweight, walloped Pete Geno in the feature bout at the St. Nicholas Palace. Although Horne won every round, Geno never stopped trying and his aggressive tactics made a real fight of it. Pete suffered a cut in the second round above the left eye and Horne made a target of it throughout the fight.

Horne weighed 156 while Geno tilted the scale at 151.

Al Guido and Gus Levine went to a hard draw in the six round semi-final. This was the second battle between the pair, the first fight having ended in the third round with Guido the winner on a knockout while the second fight ended in a draw. The boys tried all the way and gave a good account of themselves.

Guido weighed 131½; Levine, 128¼.

In the other six round affairs, Victor Creelman, 131, West Side, defeated Jimmy Paraggio, 130, Bronx, and Gilbert Stromquist, giant Texan scaling 254, whipped George Stovall, Harlem, 197½.

In a six round welterweight duel that bristled with action, Pete Kennedy, Elmsford, and Harold Green, Brownsville, punched each other all over the ring with the result a draw. The boys are among the game's best prospects.

In another six round fight, Ham Wiloby, 120¼, and Mario Morales, a half pound heavier, also held the interest of the crowd with the former being awarded the decision on sharper punching.

Johnny Dell, Brooklyn featherweight, was awarded the decision over Angelo Callura, Hartford, in a third six round contest. Dell looked good and punched impressively in whipping his more experienced foeman. Dell scaled 127¼; Callura, 129½.

It was a bad night for the Chalky Wright stable as Ray Vellarde, a coast newcomer recommended by Wright, was beaten by Davey Feld, Brownsville middleweight, in a post six round fight.

Wicky Harkins, Philadelphia Irishman, pounded out a close ten round decision over Indian Gomez, Cuba, in the feature attraction at the Broadway Arena before a crowd estimated at four thousand.

Gomez got away to an early lead winning the first four rounds, but Harkins caught up in the middle frames, cutting the Indian about the left eye in the fifth which hampered him considerably. Although Gomez won the last frame and apparently tied the rounds won at five apiece, the harder punching of Harkins evidently captured the eyes of the officials.

Harkins scaled 156; Gomez, 155.

In the eight round semifinal, Harold Green, promising Brownsville welterweight, continued on his winning ways by whipping George Harper in an interesting bout. Green was the aggressor throughout and scored with the most damaging punches.

In a six round tussle, Jimmy Warren outboxed Leo LeBron. The fight was hard and close all the way.

Sonny Horne, the Niles, Ohio, middleweight youngster, made it two in a row when he outpointed Phil Norman, Detroit, in the feature event of six rounds at the St. Nicholas Arena before an estimated crowd of thirty-five hundred.

The fight was pretty close all the way, and although the loser dropped Horne momentarily near the end of the fifth round with a hard right to the jaw, Sonny had enough left to catch the eyes of the officials.

Horne scaled 156; Norman, 148½.

In a six round semifinal, Bobby Lakin, Jamaica, L. I., welterweight, was awarded a close decision over Herbie Kronowith, east side. In other six round fights, Marvin Bryant, 152, won from Freddy Flores, 152¼, and Jerry LaStarza, 163¼, kayoed Fred Graham, 152¼, in the fourth round.

Bobby Lakin, Jamaica, L. I., welterweight, knocked out Frankie Carnal, West Side, in the main event at the Ridgewood Grove when the latter wasn't allowed to answer the bell for the fifth round of a scheduled six round bout.

Joe Aponte Torres, Puerto Rican featherweight puncher, was too strong

for the veteran Mexican Joey Silva and won the decision in the six round semifinal. In other six round tussles, Joe Mulli, 156½, drew with Danny Faver, 160½; Jimmy Warren, 129, walloped Rufus Rogers, 121½; and Harold Gibson, 122½, stopped Ralph McNeil, 118, in the fourth round.

Sonny Horne was awarded a six round decision over Jerry LaStarza in the feature event at the White Plains County Center, but he had to fight all the way to hand the latter his first defeat as a pro in six starts.

Horne was shaken up twice during the melee but floored the loser for a six count in the opening frame. The boys are middleweights.

In six round preliminary starts, Freddy Flores defeated Fred Graham and Ernest Barnwell kayoed Fred Castorani.

Adam Spencer, colored heavyweight under the management of voluble Jimmy Johnston, knocked out Charley Chambers in the fourth round of a scheduled main six round feature at the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Club.

Chambers hurt Spencer early in the first round with a hard right to the jaw, but the Johnston protege came back strong in the following rounds with a vicious body attack to fell the New Yorker in the fourth.

Spencer scaled 207; Chambers, 194.

In six round contests, Fred Addeo, 135, decisioned Johnny Cockfield, 130; Carmine Baglino, 144, outpointed Mike Lewis, 148; George Larover, 136, scored over Carl Stein, 137; and Pete Monsanto, 159, defeated Johnny Morris, 162.

Lulu Costantino, east side Italian, won pretty much as he pleased over Billy Pinti, Rome, New York, featherweight, in the feature event of eight rounds at the Broadway Arena before a crowd estimated at thirty-five hundred.

Costantino took the lead from the start with his dazzling footwork, and matched the speed of his legs with sharp volleys of blows to the head and body that had Pinti befuddled in spots. Billy however, never stopped trying, and although he suffered a cut nose in the third round, he was the aggressor throughout, but could not match Costantino's class.

Costantino weighed 131; Pinti, 128¾.

In the six round semifinal, Wilfie Shanks, Montreal youngster, defeated Danny Faver, Brooklyn middleweight, in a hard fought tussle. Shanks survived a bad first round in which he was floored momentarily for a no count, to come from behind to win the duke. The boys fought a spirited draw in this ring two weeks previous.

In another six rounder, Joe Governale, 150¼, whipped Mike Lewis, 148.

In a bruising eight round feature at the White Plains County Center, Larry Fontana, Brooklyn middleweight, was declared the winner over Neil Miller, newcomer from Philadelphia. The boys fought from gong to gong with Fontana just a little the stronger of the two.

Al Fine, Elmsford, New York welterweight prospect, continued on his winning ways by taking the measure of Andy Fowler, Brooklyn, in a pleasing six round tussle. Fine's boxing ability was a little too much for Fowler to fathom. Another six rounder terminated in a draw between Charley Roberts and Billy Woods, lightweights.

Roman Alvarez, east side, continued his climb up the lightweight ladder by decisively trouncing Bobby Ruffin, Astoria, in the feature event of eight rounds at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Alvarez scaled 137; Ruffin, 134½.

In the six round semifinal, Joe Governale, Brooklyn middleweight, whipped Wilfie Shanks, Montreal youngster. In another six rounder, Mike Bulik, 145, outpointed Pete Manchio, 139¾.

Joey Varoff, young east side welterweight prospect, defeated Tommy Ciarlo, Waterbury, Conn., in the feature event of six rounds at the St. Nicholas Palace before a slim attendance of two thousand.

Joey scaled 138½ against the loser's 139.

In the semifinal six round bout, Herbie Kronowith was awarded a decision over Frankie Cardinal. Kronowith floored Cardinal in the second round but Frankie got off the canvas full of fight. The west sider, however, could not match the sharpshooting attack of the winner. Kronowith scaled 145; Cardinal, 142½.

In two other sixes, Ray Velarde, new youngster from California who is under the aegis of the colorful Eddie Walker, trounced Fred Graham, and Al Fine, good looking Elmsford, New York welterweight prospect, whipped Mel Williams.

Bobby Lakin, New York 150 pounder, pounded out a six round decision over Buddy Farrell, Newark, 147, in the star bout at the Ridgewood Grove Arena before an estimated crowd of two thousand.

The fight was an even affair going into the last round when Lakin spurted to catch the eyes of the officials.

In the semifinal of six rounds, Harry Diduck, 132, outpointed Johnny Cockfield, 129.

In three other six round attractions, Freddy Flores, 153, decisioned Joe Governale, 152, Rocco Rossano, 135, walloped Julian Malavez, 133, and Wilfie Shanks, 155, scored over Fred Graham, 151.

Lulu Costantino continued to set a fast pace in the featherweight class by taking the measure of Johnny Dell in the feature bout of eight rounds before a capacity house. Promoter Michael Genovese announced that every ticket in the house was sold, a tribute to the fine matchmaking ability of Billy Brown.

Dell took the first round with a snappy left hook to the jaw, but Costantino found the range thereafter, completely outboxed the East New York Italian, and won pretty much as he pleased. In the fourth round, Lulu cut Dell above the left eye and it appeared to this writer that Costantino deliberately avoided pecking away at the injured optic.

In a good eight round semifinal, Joe Carter, Rome, New York, middleweight, had too much on the ball against Walter Thomas, Bronx, and romped home with the decision after twice flooring the loser.

Phil Terranova, young Bronx featherweight, who appears to be a promising youngster, scored a notable victory in the feature eight round contest at the White Plains County Center over Aaron Seltzer in a fast fight.

A smashing attack to the body in the last two rounds earned Terranova the decision. Phil scaled 125¾; Seltzer, 126½.

In the scheduled six round semifinal, Victor Creelman, 127¾, kayoed Rufus Rogers, 122¼, in the fourth round.

In another abbreviated match, also scheduled for six rounds, Harry Serio, 163½, kayoed Johnny Morris, 165, in two rounds.

That Lou Nova's name is more impressive than his fighting ability, was demonstrated once again in Madison Square Garden when the Alameda, California, giant succumbed before a vicious body attack laid down by Tami Mauriello in the sixth round of the feature ten round contest before a surprisingly good turnout of 15,369 spectators who paid a total of $39,138.

After flooring the Bronx heavyweight youngster in the first round and more than holding his own through the fifth, Nova was stung with a right to the body and short left hook to the jaw in a neutral corner from where he was counted out.

Minus his Yogi and all, Nova was taken to St. Clare's hospital after the bout where upon examination by Dr. Vincent Nardiello, it was found that Lou was suffering from a broken ninth rib on his left side, a dislocated tenth rib, and a torn cartilage.

Nova started hostilities as if he really meant business. He pressed the attack in the first round, nailed Mauriello with a jolting one-two punch to the jaw, and tough Tami found himself on the deck listening to an eight count. Being floored has become a frequent habit for the Bronxite whose courage has been satisfactorily tested in his last several fights. Although he was stung Mauriello nevertheless was fighting back hard at the close of the round and aside from the knockdown, didn't have the worst of any of the exchanges.

The fight turned into a real punching bee with hard body blows featuring the affair. It was a savage body attack by Mauriello which finally caved in the California giant and landed him in a hospital. Up until the end, the fight was as fast a heavyweight battle as the Garden has staged with lead changing hands several times during the fray.

Mauriello, at 183¾, spotted Nova twenty pounds at the scales.

The semifinal contest stamped Johnny Greco, Montreal youngster, as a fighter upon whom it would be wise to keep an eye. The hard-hitting Greco showed amazing punching form in knocking out Harold Green in less than two minutes of fighting, flooring the Brownsville boy with a good assortment of blows on three different occasions before the contest was stopped.

Greco weighed 136½; Green, 140½.

In a fight that could have been called the best of the evening, Joe Agosta turned the tables on young Pete Kennedy by winning the decision in six rounds. Kennedy, hampered by a bad head cold, was obviously below his best fighting form, but he never stopped trying with the result that both boys locked their heads through eighteen minutes of gloved warfare without a letup. The crowd roared their approval as both boys were staggered several times. Agosta's better boxing, however, earned him the award. They are welterweights.

In two other six round fights, Frankie Carto, newcomer from Philadelphia, was awarded the verdict over Billy Pinti, Rome, N. Y., featherweight, and Ossie Rodriguez, 122, won from the more experienced Jimmy Warren, 127.

The Carto-Pinti battle was close all the way and there were some in the audience who disapproved the verdict.

THE NEW YORK VERSION: No one is in a better position than the writer to appreciate the offer made by Michael Genovese to any charitable branch of the armed forces. The Broadway Arena boxing promoter has offered to run a charity show for our men in the armed service, with all the proceeds taken in at the gate to go into the fund after the State and Federal taxes have been deducted. But because the Halsey Street sock center is not as big as the Bronx Coliseum, the club in which Genovese promoted before he handed it over to the army for military purposes, and cannot draw more than $3500, the promoter has offered to print a thousand tickets at five dollars each and sell them personally among his friends so that this particular charity could net at least $5,000.

A benefit of this kind would make it the most complete charity ever presented by any single individual and should be taken up by the military officials in Washington who are in charge of entertainment. The offer is a noble one for a noble cause and as far as this corner is concerned, it stamps Michael Genovese the No. 1 boxing promoter and a No. 1 humanitarian. The business could use more men like him.

SO. JERSEY, DELAWARE AND PENNA. COAL REGION NOTES

By ARCHIE PIROLLI

ROCKY LUCIANO, Harrisburg welterweight, after boxing professionally for the past three years, broke into big time competition when he appeared at the Arena in Philadelphia as a substitute. He lost to Pedro Tomez, a slugger, in one of the best fights seen at the Arena in a long time. The Harrisburgher tired in the late rounds due to lack of condition. Promoter Joe Wenke immediately signed him for the Cambria Club with Manuel Rosa. This time Rocky won in another humdinger.

Al Tribuani, Wilmington scrapper, fought Pedro Tomez in the Quaker City, scoring another win.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE—To the former boxers who are now serving in the armed forces here and abroad: To Jimmy Tygh, Eddie Miller, Joe Sankey, John A. Somuk, Tony Saraullo, "Lucky" Keast, Ray Aliano, and others: I am glad to hear from you and that you enjoy my notes in THE RING.

Jimmy Clearfield, Philly pilot, has a good prospect in Henry Jordan . . . surprised by his recent k.o. victory over Bobby Garcia in Philly. . . . Babe Ruther, former lightweight boxer, is now a trainer . . . . The writer is secretary of the Cambria Club over in Philly and can be reached at 605 Shubert Bldg., Philadelphia. 'Nuff said.

IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER

By HARRY MANSBACH

MARVIN BRYANT of Dallas, 152, won a 6-round bout from Artie Levine, 156, Brooklyn, at Laurel Garden, Newark. This was the first six-round feature attraction held in the Newark club in many years, due to the fact that Levine is still under the age limit.

This writer has compiled a complete listing of all New Jersey promoters, matchmakers, fight clubs and their addresses and locations. Send twenty-five cents in coin and self-addressed stamped envelope to Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington St., Newark, N. J. Also boxers willing to show around Jersey, who have no managerial ties, can contact same address.

Danny Goodman, former boxer, manager and trainer, writes that he is recovering his health at Tucson, Ariz.

Freddie Yellavich, 129½, of Rochelle Park, gave a neat performance as he gained a decision over Harry Diduck, 134, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the main six-round boxing bout at Scott Hall, Elizabeth. It was Yellavich's 12th straight victory since turning professional. In the semi-final six, Al Guido, 132, N. Y., and Lew Maxwell, 136½, Newark Negro, fought to a draw.

Danny Rosati, local welterweight, who enlisted in the Navy recently, has been advanced to Second Class Seaman and is working toward a third class Petty Officership via the radio school in Boston.

Jimmie Marsillo still holds a 50% in Freddie Fiducia, who will be plugged by Jimmie Johnston hereafter.

New Jersey is fight hungry and they are being fed plenty, with Newark, Trenton, Elizabeth, New Brunswick and Jersey City running weekly shows. Newark's Laurel Garden recently broke the house record with $7500 with the Archer-Larkin bout. Hundreds of fans were turned away.

Walter Stevens, local glover, is doing well in New York rings, with brilliant wins over tough opponents in Madison Square Garden as well as other clubs. He is co-managed by Maxie Fisher, who fought Red Cochrane and Tippy Larkin, five times each and Jimmy Wilde, chief handler and trainer for Red Cochrane and others.

George E. Auld, band leader, is a guest at Benny Rubin's New Brunswick fight club every Friday night. Auld is stationed at Camp Kilmar, two miles away.

EGLIN FIELD, FLA., REPORTS
By PVT. I. Q. GROSS

THIS traveling soldier-correspondent is now stationed at Eglin Field, Florida. Formerly THE RING correspondent in New Jersey, we went to Miami Beach to handle publicity and newsreels for leading hotels and night clubs. On May 26, 1942 the writer entered the Army at Newark, was sent to Fort Dix and from there back to the Air Forces Replacement Center at Miami Beach where the writer lived at a beach front hotel he formerly publicized. The next stop was Sioux Falls, South Dakota, graduating from the Army Technical School there as a radio mechanic. Thence to Eglin where we are now writing for the base paper and composing the script for a radio show over a Pensacola station.

Eglin has an excellent boxing program led by the popular Lieut. John Kurucza of Avenel, New Jersey. He was a crackerjack quarterback at the University of Miami in 1938, 1939 and 1940 and also starred on the baseball and basketball teams. The boxing coach is Sgt. Walter Fredericks of Baltimore who claims to have been undefeated in fifty battles including victories over Ben Jeby, Lou Brouillard, Lee Ramage, Young Jack Thompson, Teddy Yarosz, Gorilla Jones and Charles Massera. Fredericks licked the latter at Madison Square Garden. After quitting the fight game, Fredericks assisted Jack Laken and Fred Squire in promoting fights in Baltimore. Fredericks entered the Army in March 1942 and rose rapidly as a non-commissioned officer.

Lieut. Kurucza and Sgt. Fredericks are now concentrating on inter-squadron competition, not only to give more soldiers a chance to see action, but also to select a base team to meet the boxing squads of other fields. Among those sorely missed are Corp. Marty Starr, a North Dakota Indian and brilliant featherweight, who scored five knockouts in his last seven victories on an unbeaten record. Starr was shipped to Aberdeen, Maryland, with Pvt. Marty Espanol, another good prospect, who was a featherweight and who won seven of eight battles. Espanol had never boxed before he came in and learned the fundamentals from Sgt. Fredericks. He hails from Sacramento and is an expert skier.

For his new squad, Lieut. Kurucza still has Corp. Houston Raybu n of nearby Crestview, who has fought professionally and in the Army at Panama. Other good boxers available include Pvt. John Divinny, Philadelphia, who weighs 159 and Corp. Jim Fatta of Buffalo, N. Y., 165-pounder. Sgt. Stanley Hunt, a good mixer from Baltimore, is now at the Officers' Candidate School at dear old Miami Beach.

Lieut. Kurucza suggests to other Army camps: "Let more soldiers take part in boxing. It's the best toughening sport they can have. THE RING is tops among athletic publications with our boys."

This writer would like to hear from our many friends around the world and in the service who formerly read our New Jersey column. The address is Pvt. I. Q. Gross, 51st Air Base Squadron, Eglin Field, Florida.

FORT BENNING BOXING NEWS
By SGT. VIC EPHREM

DUE to the war Fort Benning is enjoying the biggest boxing boom in the camp's history. Boxing is staged in many parts of the post with a fine attendance at each program. Throughout Benning there are fistic names, nationally known, teaching and coaching. There are countless numbers of amateur stars from many parts of the country. The colored lads in particular are more interested in the boxing program than any other sport one can name. Fight nights are well kept in mind by the boys here, and it's always a date to go to the bouts, leaving the theaters and downtown activity to wait for another time.

A close team match was won by the Third Armored Regiment's 1st Battalion, which defeated the 2nd Battalion of the 11th Armored. This was held at the Division Bowl and the score was three to two. T-4 Walter M. Enicks took a decision over Sgt. James F. Carlisle. Enicks, of the 3rd Armored, dropped his man for a short count in the third and final frame.

Pvt. F.C. Isidore Vasco, of the 11th Armored, tied it up for his mates by stopping John Wojytlo, in the second round. Referee Charlie Fleshman, who worked well as the third man, stopped it when he saw John helpless.

A draw greeted the third bout, as Malcolm L. Haag and Corp. Esther L. Williams tried hard to break the deadlock.

Staff Sgt. John Orso, of the 3rd, gave his mates the lead by winning easily over Corp. John Barth. Orso, the smaller man, jabbed his way to victory.

The 3rd had Sgt. Rufus Arms score a T.K.O. over T. Sgt. Clifford Gregory, when the latter injured his ankle, but it was a swell scrap for the first two rounds.

In a heavyweight bout Corp. Stanton H. Kissel, of the 11th, hammered his way for a two round T.K.O. win over Corp. Everett Peterson, who suffered a bad right eye. At the finish Gen. Newgarden presented Lieut. Hamilton, the 3rd's boxing coach, with a silver cup.

George H. Simmonds, ex-boxing instructor from Lake Forrest, Ill., is a new member for Fort Benning. Simmonds held the Ohio A.A.U. and Illinois National Guard ring championships at one time. The Ohio honor was in 1931 when he was a middleweight. In the Illinois National Guard he won the light-heavyweight title. That was in 1927 when he beat Andy McCabe. Simmonds served as boxing instructor at schools and boxing clubs. He has now entered the Officer Candidate Class in the Eleventh Co., 2nd Battalion, First Student Training Regiment.

Pvt. Robert (Bob) Binckley, 45 years old, engaged in 65 battles as a pro and among those he fought were Carl Tremaine, Phil O'Dowd, Eddie Ketchell, and Gene LaRue, the Canadian champ. After his 65th bout, Bob hung up the gloves and then entered the automobile business, but that didn't stop him from devoting time to the glove game. He put time in the amateur circles, having helped promote in Cleveland's Golden Gloves for several years. He also assisted in teaching self-defense to the youngsters of mid-Western teams. Pvt. Binckley is a member of the 10th Armored Maintenance.

Among the colored soldiers, whose favorite topic is boxing, we find Georgie Pace, the former bantamweight champion, doing a good job in coaching the boxers for the 1st Student Training Regiment and he has fine material in store. Judging from them Pace may possess the outstanding squad at Fort Benning. They have already commenced training for team and tournament clashes to be held this winter. Pace will also be fighting in the lightweight ranks. At the turn-out Georgie had a large batch of both pros and amateurs to the call.

Among the lads who looked capable were: J. H. Eskew, winner of 33 straight pro bouts and New England's light-heavyweight champ; Tommy Stewart, former Golden Glover and pro scrapper; Kid Corbin, an experienced amateur from Philadelphia, who possesses a good punch in either duke; Young Henry Armstrong (Terry Livingston), a Golden Glover, who capably handles himself as well as a pro; Danny Harris, another Golden Glover, who has a long impressive list of knockouts in the Golden Gloves and other amateur bouts.

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FORT MEADE GOSSIP
By PVT. TOM EPHREM

SMALL MONTANA, former flyweight champion of the world, is stationed here and only a block away from my outfit. The ex-champ, whose real name is Benny Gans, holds a first class private rating. He is doing considerable work for boxing for his outfit, the 304th Infantry, here. Benny holds classes each Wednesday at the Post Gym, at the Field Arena, which is a swell place to hold boxing programs. The students flock like sheep to take part in the drills. Assisting Montana (Gans) is Sgt. Francis J. LaBelle, formerly a trainer for heavyweight Bob Pastor, and another is Sgt. Joseph Borrelli, who fought in the pro ranks. Col. L. R. Hathaway, 304th Regimental Commander, favors boxing as of great recreation value and suggests formation of a regimental team if the interest keeps building.

The boxing program was put together by Lieut. Joseph Bartel, Special Service Officer, and Pvt. F.C. Pierce Quinn, the director of athletics.

Names of those who are making headway in the competition are:—Pvt. F.C. Nussbaum and Pvt. Sam Courtney of Company D; Pvt. F.C. Keith Prodty and Privates James McFarland and Kenneth Fredericks of Company B; Pvt. F.C. William Dipman and Pvt. F.C. Frederick Michael and Pvt. Albert Salzberg of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion. Coach Montana (Gans) is also a member of the latter unit.

The 385th Regimental Athletic Group, headed by Pvt. F.C. Al Wyn, built boxing rings at the old post gymnasium and they are well used.

Tech. Ser. John M. Loeser, of the 76th Division, has boxing as his favorite sport. Loeser was the bantamweight champion of the 26th Division not so long ago. In his spare time the sergeant teaches the sport to the lads of the 417th.

Tops among the boxing fans here at Fort Meade is Master Ser. Frank E. Rogers of New York. Boxing is his favorite dish and when it is possible for him to journey home you can find him right at the ringside. Sgt. Rogers is the chief clerk in the Division G-4 Office, 76th Headquarters.

Fort Meade ranks high in the sale of War Bonds to its soldiers. Each pay day finds the khaki-clad lads taking out bonds, thereby further helping the cause. The service man is trying to do more than just his part. Are you?

BOXING IN MAINE
By CHUBBY McPHEE

DAVE SILVERMAN, former author of this column, is now located in Panama City, Florida, where he is operating a fight club. From now on, I take over.

Portland and Bangor were the only two Maine cities to enjoy any ring activity during the past month. In Portland, Charley Babcock, Bangor's sensational young knockout king, kayoed Johnny Sylvester and Frankie Wilson, scoring his 18th and 19th knockouts and his 20th and 21st victories in 22 starts. Carl McFadden, another crowd pleasing, willing battler out of Bangor, defeated Ross Strickland of Brooklyn by the decision route in a pair of chiller-diller 8-rounders, and Lloyd Hudson of Bath kept his unbeaten streak intact for the 35th straight time by knocking out Young Jackie Donahue of the U. S. Navy after having stiffened Tommy Egan of Boston the show previously. Service Station: Portland Paul Herrick, former New England bantamweight king, has departed for bigger battles in the colorful U. S. Marine Corps uniform . . . Danny Needham, one time claimant of the state 175-pound crown now held by Babcock, has left the Bath Iron Works for the Navy . . . Tommy Burns, former headliner in Bangor shows, has put on poundage to the light-heavyweight limit in the Army and at last reports still held his division championship—meanwhile, eying overseas duty.

Portland, on Nov. 5—Charley Babcock of Bangor knocked out Johnny Sylvester of New York in three rounds, Carl McFadden of Bangor won the decision over Ross Strickland of Brooklyn 8 rounds, Lloyd Hudson of Bath, knocked out Young Jackie Donahue of U. S. Navy in five rounds, Hoofer Young of Bangor, knocked out the game Johnny Cole of Lowell in four rounds, and in the opener Tony Mancuso of the Shipyards lost a split decision to Johnny Mack of Lowell after six rounds of fast battling.

Bangor, on Nov. 10—Carl McFadden, lion hearted Bangor puncher, pounded out his second straight knockout over Soldier Eddie Hally of Bar Harbor and Los Angeles in three rounds here, bettering his previous stunt by a round. The battle like its forerunner, was a scorching slugfest all the way. Unbeaten Bobby Howe of Old Town stretched his win streak to 21 straight by disposing of Mickey Mallory of Brewer in the first round of the semi final and Hoofer Young of Bangor stopped Wildman Querion of Winslow in the final round of a top preliminary.

Portland, on Nov. 24—Charley Babcock of Bangor knocked out Frankie Wilson of Philadelphia in three rounds, Carl McFadden of Bangor won the unanimous decision over Ross Strickland of Brooklyn in 8 rounds. Lloyd Hudson of Bath knocked out Tommy Egan of Boston in two rounds, Norman Ryan of the U. S. Navy knocked out Tommy Ross of Boston, and Billie Soule of Boston knocked out Steve Green of Boston in one round.

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SCOTT FIELD FLASHES
By PETER P. VITERBO

ROSS CALCO, 30th, the 150-pound Scott Field champion, who hails from Cleveland, Ohio, has been transferred to 572nd Technical School Squadron in Tennessee upon completion of his radio course. Calco defended his title successfully after winning the post championship last summer.

Bob Mitchel, 93rd, who lost in the 170-pound finals to Paul Geraghty of Brooklyn, also has been transferred to another camp.

P.F.C. Joe Benna, who is the boxing instructor at Scott Field, recently took his physical examination for the Officers' Candidate School. He is the former 147-pound Indiana and Kentucky State A.A.U. title holder of 1937. Also that same year he reached the finals in the National A.A.U. tourney in Boston and the Chicago Golden Gloves. The following season he got into the Chicago Golden Gloves finals and lost to Bill Addison of New York Golden Gloves team in an inter-city bout at Madison Square Garden. He weighed 160 pounds when he competed in the 1938 bouts. Later on he became Purdue University boxing coach for three years before getting into the Army.

P.F.C. Crawford E. Dahl, Hillcrest, Va., who is the pugilistic trainer of the Scottsmen, has been put in charge of the officers' gymnasium recently. He is the former undefeated semi-pro Tri-State title holder from 1938 to 1941.

Elwood Jones, former Golden Gloves amateur flyweight champion from St. Louis, Mo., is now in the Army. He is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Babe Davis, ex-professional pugilist, who fought the Baer brothers in his career, has joined Jones in service. Private Davis comes from St. Louis. Recently he coached the Golden Gloves teams from that city. He also is at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Corporal Eli Thomas, Detroit, Mich., former Golden Glover, is the boxing instructor of the 46th Technical School Squadron pugilistic team.

According to an announcement made direct from the Army Air Force Technical Training Command Headquarters at Knollwood, N. C., no Scott Field boxers will be permitted to enter Golden Gloves championships. This surely is a blow to many boys in service who compete annually in such tourneys.

This writer, before enlisting in the U. S. Army, used to buddy with many pugilists. Any of them may contact this writer by addressing him: Pvt. Peter P. Viterbo, 560th T.S.S. Mess Supply, c/o 4th Area, Barrack 1338, Scott Field, Illinois.

Due to the interest in the recent post championships, it is expected to hold an indoor boxing show for the Scottsmen. Among the pugilists who are expected to compete are Post Champions Jackie Simmons, 1938 Kansas City Golden Gloves champion and Scott Field lightweight king; Jackie Smith, Pompton Lake, N. J., twice defender of welterweight crown successfully; Bud Geraghty, Brooklyn, light-heavyweight title holder; and Joseph Ryan, New York professional heavy.

Among the wrestling celebrities at Scott Field is P.F.C. Al Blanco, 12th Tech. School Squadron, of Hartford, Conn., who has five years of professional grappling to his credit. In 133 matches he has fought, he was defeated twenty-three times. Out of the twenty-three, eighteen he lost against heavier opponents, and three were draw decisions. During 1938-39 he held the welter and middleweight wrestling crowns of Vermont and New Hampshire. During his brief career, he has wrestled Al Venters, middleweight champion, whom he defeated once against two defeats; Dot Meyers of Boston and Al Bettina of Chicago at Detroit. These were the main grapplers he has tackled. He has traveled through Boston, Springfield, Albany and the New England States under "Pinky" Gardner's wrestling circuit. "Pinky" was the former light-heavy champion. He expects to wrestle soon in St. Louis, Mo.

Yours truly would like to hear from any service men who are amateur or professional pugilists, who know this writer personally or otherwise. It will be greatly appreciated. Address: Pvt. Peter P. Viterbo, 560th T.S.S. Mess Supply, c/o 4th Area, Barrack 1338, Scott Field, Illinois.

Pvt. Henry Chuchollek, South Broadway A.C. middleweight of St. Louis, Missouri, has been inducted into the U. S. Army. He is now located at Jefferson Barracks where he is taking his basic training. Pvt. Chuchollek reached the quarter finals in the St. Louis Golden Gloves last winter and also reached the semi-finals in the Ozark A.A.U. boxing championships.

Pvt. Paul Antoniolia of Manhattan, New York, who recently graduated from the student mess sergeants' school here, is a former amateur pugilist. He was a light-heavyweight title-holder of the Trinity Church Athletic Club. He fought fifteen battles and won them all.

Pvt. Bud Geraghty, 34th School Squadron 170-pound post champion, recently graduated as a radio mechanic. Upon graduation he expected to be transferred to another station. Instead he has been assigned to the A.A.C.S. course for a period of about seven weeks. Scott Field is very fortunate in having Pvt. Geraghty remain here.

Pvt. Roy "Gabby" Gabaldon, 13th School Squadron, who recently won the post lightweight championship, is the former 1940-41 New Mexico A.A.U. Golden Gloves title-holder. Due to illness Pvt. Gabaldon didn't compete in the National A.A.U. Golden Gloves tournament this year.

Yours truly recently graduated from the Bakers' and Cooks' School. This writer will continue his column as usual following a transfer to some air base in this country.

My brother, John J. Viterbo, former Amsterdam, N. Y., 150-pound city champion, has been a member of Company G, 105th Infantry, 27th Division, National Guard Unit, for over four years. He has been overseas for a year somewhere in the Pacific war area. My youngest brother, "Leatherneck" Patrick J., former high school wrestling champion, is going to the Marine Service School in Florida.

Ray Palmer, former St. Louis, Mo., fighter and referee, has joined the U. S. Navy V-6 (Seabees) Division.

Pvt. Theodore L. Fearheller, who fought under the name of Vern Moen in the professional ranks from about 1933 to 1937 out of Seattle, Washington, is a member of the 370th Technical School Squadron. During his long career he fought 110 battles, winning approximately 67 of them, drawing in about 25 contests, while losing 12 by decisions. He was knocked out by six of his opponents. Pvt. Fearheller was a lightweight. His manager was the late Dave Miller.

P.F.C. Joe Benna, 13th School Squadron, former Purdue boxing coach, will leave soon for Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida. He will be in the Physical Education Unit.

Pvt. Mario Rausse, who fought under the name of Johnny Peralta, is a member of the 561st Technical School Squadron. He is a Diamond Belt product. In 18 amateur battles he lost only once and that by a knockout. From 1933 to 1936 he fought as a featherweight and junior lightweight in the money ranks. In 28 professional fights he won 24 and had four draw decisions. His manager was Al Ridgeway. Incidentally, Pvt. Rausse is a member of the guards at this post.

The following are Scott Field pugilists—Ted Condy, Bob Arthur, Dean Peary, Dick Cross, Ted Arbury, Bob Fehr, Pete Wolff, Ed Collison, Gerry McGee, Orid Lacroix, William Cheshire, John Sisson, George Winters, John Collins, Pete Ricci, Phil Richie, Gilbert Araiza, Jack Mason, Hugh D. Weber, Arthur Atter, Jack Cohen, Bradley Keene, William Whiting, John Gleneski, Tommy Dickerson, Sam Timoreni, Jerry McHugh, Bruce Siheer and Ignatius Campagna.

Also Clarence Davis, Art Saulsgiver, Billy Cohen, John McMillian, James O'Brien, William Henry, Vincent Ballasona and Cy Pizzutelli.

Corporal Robert Shepard who fought under the name of Bobby Dallas as a professional, is a member of the 30th Technical School Squadron. He fought from 1930 to 1940. In 100 pro battles he won 83, lost 14 and drew in three fights. At the present time he is a clerk in the 1st Group Headquarters in Scott Field. While in the Army Air Force, Corporal Shepard has fought four times and won three fights at Miami Beach, Florida.

Pvt. Benjamin H. Shell, Negro, known to the boxing circles in the amateur ranks as Bennie Harrison, has joined the U. S. Army Air Force. He is a member of the 360th Technical School Squadron, Army Air Force Basic Traning Center, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Pvt. Shell was runner-up in the Chicago Golden Gloves tournament during the year of 1938. His brother was reported captured by the Japanese in Burma last March.

AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS

ARTHUR "BABE" DAVIS, former St. Louis heavyweight boxer, is now at the Reception Center at Jefferson Barracks. The former pugilist came into the Army tipping the scales at 270 pounds, considerably over his old best fighting weight, but Davis says he still is in top physical shape and "ready to go."

Davis fought with the top-notchers during his ring career, meeting the Baer brothers, Max and Buddy, and Maxie Rosenbloom, among others. When he was a light-heavyweight, he also encountered John Henry Lewis, great Negro champion.

AT MITCHEL FIELD
By LOUIS DE FICHY, S/Sergt.

NEARLY 1,500 fans cheered themselves hoarse as boxing made its return to the newly renovated Post gymnasium at Mitchel Field.

Pvt. Sam Veneible of an aviation group pounded out a three-round decision over Pvt. Paul Zavach of Camp Mills in the first bout of the evening.

Sergt. George Nicholson, former sparmate of world's heavyweight champion Joe Louis, and Ted Wint of Stillman's New York gym, sparring partner of Lou Nova, provided Mitchel fisticuff fans with one of the finest exhibitions yet witnessed in the Post gym in the next bout on the card. Neither boy pulled any punches. They fought their three-round bout.

Wrestling stole the show when Don Lencz and Gene St. Pierre grappled for more than 18 minutes before the former man won on a combination body pickup and body slam. The affair was nip and tuck as well as wild and woolly from the very start. Referee George Walsh was kept busy preventing illegal holds.

Providing a fine wind-up to the evening's show were Sergt. Al Kent of a signal outfit and Pvt. Bob Tallant of a bomb group. The two men fought toe-to-toe for three rounds to a popular draw.

Judging the evening's bouts were Major Reed, Capt. Barrett and Lieut. Bruce. George Walsh handled the refereeing assignment in his usual fine fashion. He appeared through the courtesy of the New York State Boxing Commission. Timekeeper was Pvt. Anthony Rinaldi. Corp. Hershell Curtiss timed the knockdowns. S/Sergt. Lou De Fichy introduced the fighters.

Warrant Officer Elmer Reade and the Post band added color to the fine program with selections between the bouts.

BOXING AT IOWA NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL

CHAMPIONS in eight classes were crowned in the second Iowa Navy Pre-Flight School boxing tournament. Willard Grubbs of St. Louis, Mo., scored the quickest victory, winning by a technical knockout from Joseph Murphy of Cincinnati in 22 seconds of the first round. Two champions were crowned in the 138-pound class.

The results were:

128 Pounds—L. Emingen, Elgin, Ill., defeated G. Brazier, Mankato, Minn. Decision.

138 Pounds—Charles Gallop, Duluth, Minn., defeated Leo Kuchnicki, Alpena, Minn. Decision.

138 Pounds—Leonard Walker, Salisbury, Mo., defeated Samuel Blythe, Evansville, Ind. Decision.

145 Pounds—Willard Grubbs, St. Louis, defeated Joseph Murphy, Cincinnati. Technical knockout, :22 of first round.

152 Pounds—George Lovelace, Cape Girardeau, Mo., defeated Carl Soderberg, Chicago. Technical knockout, :45 of first round.

158 Pounds—George Jackson, Elkhart, Md., defeated James Panek, Cicero, Ill. Knockout, 1:36 of first round.

165 Pounds—Joseph Linges, Springfield, Ill., defeated Glen Mantle, East St. Louis, Ill. Decision.

175 Pounds—Lowell Conrow, Eau Claire, Wis., defeated Barney Bennet, St. Louis. Decision.

Heavyweight—Jack Berry, South Bend, Ind., defeated Harry Dudley, Mount Vernon, Ill. Knockout, 1:92 of first round.

WITH THE COAST GUARD AT CAMP MURPHY

COAST GUARD boxers won the major share of the honors on the Camp Murphy benefit ring card at the American Legion Arena, with nearly 1000 fans on hand to see a combination boxing and wrestling show. Proceeds went to the Camp Murphy station hospital. The Coast Guard mittmen won four of five boxing bouts, and had no entry in the fifth. Seaman Whitey Andrew, featherweight of the Ft. Pierce base, stopped Pvt. Frank Magistro, Morrison Field, in 1:43 of the first round of the first bout, and from then on it was a busy evening, with the service boxers making up in rough action what they lacked in ring skill.

Seaman Park, Ft. Pierce, was knocked and pushed out of the ring in the second round of his bout with Seaman Holcomb, Peanut Island, but Park came back to win the three-round decision. They are middleweights.

Lightweight Seaman Mike Slovak, Palm Beach Coast Guard, won by T.K.O. from Pvt. James Rogers, Morrison Field, in 1:59 of the first round; and Seaman J. D. Cooper, Palm Beach Coast Guard, decisioned Private F.C. Andy Brenick, Camp Murphy, in a light-heavy encounter.

An all-soldier clash went to Private F.C. Frank Falbo, Morrison Field middleweight, over Private F.C. John Rivere, Camp Murphy.

Lieutenant John Campbell, Lieutenant D. E. Walsh and Sergeant Tony Davanzo refereed the boxing bouts, and Private E. A. Ricci, the matchmaker, officiated for the wrestling exhibition.

Judges were: Major G. K. Arnold, Major Stanley Smith, Captain Charles Richards and Lieutenant J. F. Bagnell. Major A. M. Gump was timer. Jack Menges did the announcing.

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IN SOUTHERN U. S. CAMPS

By PVT. TOM EPHREM

CORPORAL PETE LETO, boxing trainer of Florida's heavyweight bid, Soldier Tommy Gomez, writes in from his new station in Camp McCain, Mississippi. The corporal, who did a fine job with boxing at his former camp in Florida, is anxious to begin anew at his present location. The hustling trainer is building a gym for the boys, who he says, are the most willing pupils. The camp, being a new one, gym paraphernalia is lacking.

Leto has many ambitious, red-blooded young boys who want to learn how to box. Pete believes he will develop more and better boxers in Camp McCain than he did at Camp Blanding. We remember several of his proteges from the Florida camp and they are doing O. K. Pete should be a great asset to the Special Service outfit. We also remember and know how well the Blanding boys were treated under Leto's care. He was a big brother to them. Camp McCain, you are lucky. To Pete, a valuable RING Magazine booster and reader, I have news from THE RING Editor, Nat Fleischer, that Leto will receive several complimentary copies of THE RING Magazine for the boys' benefit and gymnasium.

Billy Murray, the South's outstanding welterweight, is now at his new station, in Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Al Nettlow mails in word that his manager, Al Weill, may do business in the future for that popular showman-de-luxe Steve Belloise. Steve is one of the world's best middleweights who was until a few months ago a boxing instructor with Nettlow and company at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

Fort Benning, Ga., boxing news reaches this corner from Sergeant Vic Ephrem who is doing a bang-up job of keeping his Army post in the fistic limelight. Vic's first information is about Sergeant Jack A. Monroe, the drill sergeant of the First Battalion Headquarters at Benning, and a former Golden Gloves featherweight champion from New York. Sergeant Monroe, in spotting his name in THE RING's last issue (December), hurried out and bought six copies . . . . First jump above all at Fort Benning, regarding regimental pugilistic programs, was the 505th Parachuters, which has already started. The boys, under fine handling by Major Patrick D. Mulcahy, athletic officer, held their third show in two weeks. Major Mulcahy's aim in sponsoring two shows each week is to weed out the capable title-holders of the regiment and have them lined up and ready for the near-coming post-wide competition.

The 505th has already come out with two performers who look like the goods. They are Sailor Joe Robinson and Tony Lewandowski. Robinson adds comedy to his glove-swinging, which has afforded good laughs, but he does fight, too. Lewandowski, a fine showman, is a former wrestler who turned boxer. The paratroopers work, train and fight hard, states Sgt. Ephrem.

Pvt. Rex Sexton is the boxing instructor at the Parachute School. He is an ex-fighter and was doing O. K. as a heavyweight when he was called into the Army. He holds a win over Johnny Paychek. At the time Paychek was gaining popularity in the same division . . . . Israel Leites, ex-Maryland University star and former South Conference light-heavyweight boxing champion, is in the 4th Company.

Among the colored boys, where boxing is tops, Eddie Jackson, former colored pro boxer, is doing the instructing. He has rounded up a worthy outfit that will give rivals all the trouble possible. Jackson helped to serve as sparring partner for Abe Simon and others. Jackson's "panthers" include Tim Still, Dynamite Daniels, Jimmy Mitchell, Chris Cragg, Oliver Roberts, Johnny Morgan, Leo Young, Levi Irvis, Joe Nobel, Eddie Washington and Tiger Peterson. All these boys are members of the Third Student Training Regiment (Service Battalion).

An outstanding prospect for Instructor Jackson is Tom Beatty, 147-pound lad, from Cambridge, Mass. He scored a sweet one-round knockout in his latest scrap. Still another is Bennie Deshavior, a youngster from Newark, N. J., who displayed nice punching in scoring four kayoes in five starts.

In mentioning Tim Still we send our humble apologies for the error made. Still is the colored pro heavy champ of Benning. He was called "THE RING Magazine's Best Heavyweight Prospect" in the December issue, and was listed as coming from Camp Pickett, Va., when he actually comes from Fort Benning, Ga. THE RING's honor to Tim was highly considered by the well known Sid Feder, sports writer for the Associated Press, who gave this a good plug in his column. Thanks heaps, Sergeant Ephrem.

Abe Simon, who fought Joe Louis twice, is now coaching the Republic Aircraft boxing team. One of the Army's best in daily morning exercises, which is eagerly looked for, is the "Shadow Boxing Exercise."

Al "Bummy" Davis, New York welter star, who was discharged by the Army because of skin trouble recently started on a successful ring comeback. He has been reclassified by his draft board into 1-A.

Jimmy Eaton, Hot Springs middleweight, wishes his friend and trainer Tommy good luck . . . . Charlie Pranter is another Hot Springs fighter who has joined the "big fight" . . . . With the exception of the little men of the ring, almost every boss man of his division is in the service, including the leading challengers.

All of Florida's colleges are giving intensified war-time physical education programs to the students. The courses include the Commando type exercises for men at the University of Florida; the University of Miami; Florida Southern College and Rollins College.

Sam Butz's next fight promotion for the Jacksonville boxing fans featuring Georgie Abrams' local Navy pride and boxing instructor, was called off for the present when the Navy couldn't give a quick O. K., writes Frank Matey, sports writer for Sam's Florida *Times-Union*. Matey will be among the service lads who are "putting them up" for Uncle Sam.

Mark Fannon, New England's RING correspondent, has been moved from Buckley Field, Colorado, to a Washington State Air Base (Army) . . . . Bobby Ivy, a leading fisticuffer in the featherweight division, has quit the ring in order to find a job with Uncle Sam's defense projects . . . . Private Stan Olshanski, a great RING reader, is assigned with the Army Air Base in the state of Washington. He says Private Benny Marino is doing good work in refereeing boxing matches and conditioning the lads. His fighter, Art Tatta, helps him. Outstanding prospects, says Stan, are Private Lou Aieress, Private Sammy Piccolo and Private Virgil Smith. Stan's close pal, middleweight Tommy Yarosz, is now at Camp Charles Wood, N. J. Thanks, Stanley.

Corporal Siggie Stadtlander (Siggie Landers), is with the Intelligence Department at Camp Ritchie, Md. He just received his promotion and is well deserving of it . . . . RING fan and boxing lover, Private F.C. Lou Hebner, is now at Camp Edwards, Mass., and punching harder than ever before for Uncle Sam and THE RING. Lou tells us that Pete Tarpley, ex-Southern boxer, is also at Camp Edwards.

Joe Swartz, manager of Pal Silvers, a lightweight, is at Edgewood, Md., at present on a job. Joe has THE RING with him each month, never missing a copy. "I couldn't do without it," he writes.

Heaps of thanks, Sailor Richard Futter, of His Majesty's Royal British Navy. The swell boost you gave THE RING Magazine and several boxing pals of mine in your fine column of boxing news in London, England, is appreciated. Thumbs up, pal.

Henry and Bobby Holt colored fighting twins of Danbury, Conn., are with Uncle Sam's aviation engineers at Eglin Field, Florida, writes their manager Pete Montesi. Pete spoke very highly of my swell pal, Jimmy Hearns, who is doing wonderful work for the service men with Nat Fleischer's RING Magazine.

Private Michael Yalch, Pittsburgh soldier boy, writes from England and sends a money order with which to purchase RING Magazine subscriptions to be sent to friends in the U. S. A. . . . It's Corporal David Hartman now. He got a promotion for his good work for Uncle Sam and is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., perfecting his ability in radio.

Sergeant Tommy Gomez, Florida's heavyweight heaver, is located in his new camp at Van Dorn, Miss. Gomez is anxious to get into action and it is possible that he may head bouts in Memphis, Tenn., says his trainer Corporal Pete Leto.

Tommy Campbell, who boxed in Florida and in other Southern rings, is doing guard duty for Uncle Sam's Navy on the West Coast . . . . Many, many thanks to Sam Jackson, a young Alaskan Indian, who is in the Indian Sanitarium at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Sam gets his copy of THE RING regularly and when all through reading it passes it on along to his sick chums, who are all in a mad scramble to see which gets it first. Little Sam just leaves it on his bed and from there the luckiest man wins.

Not only does THE RING Magazine add its noted prestige to boost high the morale of our service men the world over, but also the young and old, who lay sick in bed at hospitals and in sanitariums. A new reader to drop word to this corner is Georgie Beck of Sunnyacres, Warrensville, Ohio.

Joe Poodles, Baltimore boxing manager and gym owner, can be well proud of the noteworthy fact that he has *eleven* of his boxers doing service for Uncle Sam. This is a leaf for boxing, but not quite up to the mark of Chris Dundee. His brother, Edward, who helped in working in the corners, conditioning, etc., has also been in action for our country and at present is "somewhere in the British Isles."

Joe's boys in the Army are:—Roy Hanna, "Singing Earl" Pitt, Stanley Stec and brother Eddie. In the Navy are:—Walter Michaels, Bernie Michaels, Irving Arnold, Mel Chojnocki. With the Coast Guard:—Charlie Chaney. With the Marines:—Johnny McCarthy. Todd Cole and Paul Kriewald are also Army men. Todd Cole is a sergeant in the military police outfit at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. This makes a big addition of boxers to Uncle Sam's forces.

Lieutenant Kelly Freeman, ex-collegiate boxer, at present a "C. O." in a Camp Blanding outfit, is hoping to do a lot with boxing for his lads, writes Private Tom Hinton. The latter believes Lieutenant Freeman will come through with great success.

Sergeant Jack Downey, a former middleweight performer for the Olympic Club of San Francisco and referee of innumerable boxing shows for the past eleven years, is boxing instructor at his camp in Alabama. Highly recommended by Willie Ritchie and other members of the California Boxing Commission, Downey gained much prestige for his excellent refereeing in the Golden Gloves, Diamond Belt, Novice, Junior, Senior and National A.A.U. championships. He also served as arbiter at many inter-collegiate championships around San Francisco.

Sergeant Downey is now thoroughly occupied trying to get the pugilistic end of things going full swing at his camp. He had a ring installed along with other boxing paraphernalia and the only drawback he can see, is the scarcity of free time that the fistically inclined soldiers receive. He is full of hopes that he will have things ironed out and going smoothly shortly.

Lieutenant Rubin Elkin, one of the Elkin boxing figures of New York City, is at his new post at Camp Blanding, Fla., writes his brother Abe. Lieutenant Elkin did the fight publicity for the Elkin boxing enterprise and is a great fight fan himself. He was a boxing instructor at Fort Monmouth, N. J., previous to his transfer to Camp Blanding.

Meanwhile Abe's boxer, Johnny Greco, who has 16 straight wins, 10 by kayoes, and a draw, is with the Canadian Army. He is 19 years old and a sweet club fighter in the opinion of the New York fans. Ruby Garcia, another of the Elkin boxers, is being kept busy and doing well.

"He's the number one morale builder," says Private Ray Heling, Milwaukee boxing figure, of THE RING Magazine's Editor, Nat Fleischer. Private Heling has been getting books and back copies from Nat, adding these proudly to his large collection, and acknowledges THE RING Editor's graciousness. Ray would like to have photos of boxers, pros and amateurs. His address is: Private Ray Heling, 1st Staff Squadron, Boling Field, Washington, D. C. Come on now, fellows, and help a swell soldier. While Ray does work for Uncle Sam, his collection and other boxing matters are well taken care of by his sister Florence, whose husband is also a tip-top fistic follower.

At the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, where such outstanding instructors as Al Nettlow, Cal Cagni, Georgie Abrams and Tommy Tucker are at work, the students are right up to their necks in their willingness to learn the art of self defense. Favoritism is a lost word with the boxing teachers and each man is giving his tutor the keenest interest, while the tutors reward them with the best of instructions. That's why they are making the most wonderful headway down there. The lad who is learning determines his own success through ability and initiative, says Al Nettlow. Doing fine work under Nettlow's instruction are:—Jack Guenly of California, a welterweight; Jerry Schwartz, a featherweight, who is getting along better than ever; Oren Myers, a lightweight, whose "class" is the standout of Nettlow's pupils; John Morgan, 160 pounds, carries a nice punch; "Duke" Domkey, best of Nettlow's middleweights. These are but a few of a large number. They all remember Coach Nettlow's words: "To box with skill requires a great deal of hard work, which is essential. To those who learn, boxing becomes a pleasure."

Another promising lad in Nettlow's group is Ray Leathers, a fast moving bantamweight. He has a good left jab, plus form. Swell work, Al.

Sergeant John "Honey" Parker, heavyweight from the Salt Lake Army Air Base, has a great record. Amateur, though it is, but noteworthy for a niche in boxing's hall of fame. Sergeant Parker, a colored lad, fought 40 times in the simon-pure ranks and scored 40 knockouts. It is hard for him to get any action out his way.

Husky Gil Lowenstein's terrific two-hand battering rivals finds the soldier boys at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, comparing Gil with Jack Dempsey's own noted punching prowess.

Coach Johnny Bell and the Pensacola Naval Air Station boxing team, are possessors of a swell boxing record. They clash with opposing teams twice each month and have not lost a match in 18 months. This writer suggests the Pensacola lads meet the Jacksonville Naval Stationeers for a great card in either city.

Curley Martin, Minneapolis welterweight, is the boxing instructor at the Margaret Barry Settlement House.

Private Honey Mellody is the boxing coach at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Also at the same army post is Sergeant Charles Hobday, former National A.A.U. champion, who is now a light-heavyweight.

Harry Gordon, former boxer and trainer of Chalky Wright, reported to the Army . . . The O'Gatty brothers, Jimmy and Joe, are both with the Army . . . Mark Cohn, former Golden Gloves champion, got a well deserved second lieutenancy, and now handles the athletic directorship of the 308th Bomb Group in Wendover Field, Utah.

Joe De Maria, Holyoke's Valley Arena matchmaker, has been inducted into the Army.

"Whizzer" White, a U. S. Marine, is Max Waxman's newest bid for heavyweight honors.

Pvt. Mickey Greb, of Nutley, N. J., is assisting with the physical education work at Miami Beach, while in training . . . Pvt. Red Greb (no kin to Mickey), is newly located at Camp Andover, Mass., at a Military Police school. He was previously at Camp Wheeler, Georgia . . . Also at Camp Andover is Norman (Doc.) Conrad, former New England light-heavy titlist . . . P. F. C. Henry Ussery, Alabama boxer, is at Fort Bragg, a parachuter . . . Private Rocco Taglianetti, former New York City amateur boxer, was transferred from a Virginia camp to Fort Hamilton.

Frankie White, U. S. Navy lightweight champ in the first World War, is now at Scotia, New York, where he holds a chief inspector's job in the Navy Supply Depot project . . . George Ward, former Elizabeth, N. J., welter, is an athletic director for the Coast Guard at Ellis Island . . . Italian Joe Gans and Soldier Bartfield, former welter rivals, are helping by working at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn . . . Abe Yager, the fistic press agent, has a son, Joe, in the Coast Guard at Ellis Island . . . Corporal Lou Jallas is doing the matchmaking for the soldiers in the 'Frisco area.

The Marines at Parris Island, S. C., think highly of Tommy Loughran, the former Philadelphia Phantom and ex-light-heavyweight champion of the world. He is also doing good work with the fight programs there . . . Corporal Mickey Jerome is on duty at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. He was in Australia until recently.

Petey Sarron, the former featherweight king, is attending the Officers' Candidates School in Miami Beach, Florida. Good luck, Petey pal.

Captain W. H. Peeples, Jr., former boxing promoter at Miami Beach, is at Camp Tyson, Tennessee, with the Balloon Barrage School.

Sgt. Syd Fishel, Washington, D. C., boxing manager, is with the U. S. Marine forces in the Solomon Islands. With Syd are Jackie Carter, a Southern lightweight; Joe Temes, Florida fisticuffer; Maynard Daniels of Washington, D. C.; and Lieut. Harry Volkman, ex-boxing referee from Washington, D. C. Sgt. Fishel would like to have his friends write him as mail from home is always welcome. Syd also prays for boxing news, so the latest issue of The Ring will be with him in the Solomons, especially for that purpose.

At West Palm Beach, a combined boxing-wrestling show thrilled the fans who attended and saw the Coast Guards take the night's action in four of the five bouts. The card was a benefiter for the station hospital at Camp Murphy, Florida. The results:—Seaman Whitey Andrews, Fort Pierce base featherweight, stopped Pvt. Frank Magistro, of Morrison Field, in the opening round. Seaman Park, Fort Pierce, was roughed up some by Seaman Holcomb, Peanut Island, including a push out of the ring, but he came right on back to win the decision in a middleweight affair.

Seaman Mike Slovak, a local Coast Guarder, scored a first round T.K.O. over Pvt. James Rogers of Morrison Field. Seaman J. D. Cooper, another local (West Palm Beach) Coast Guardsman, beat P.F.C. Andy Brenick, of Camp Murphy, in a light-heavyweight clash. In a soldier meet, P.F.C. Frank Falbo, of Morrison Field, decisioned P.F.C. John Rivere, Camp Murphy, in a middleweight bout.

In the wrestling bout, T. Sgt. Tony Marino, of Camp Murphy, defeated Young Frank Gotch, taking two of the three falls. Lt. John Campbell, Lt. D. E. Walsh and Sgt. Tony Davanzo refereed the fight attractions, while Pvt. E. A. Ricci did the wrestling bout. Judges were: Major G. R. Arnold, Major Stanley Smith, Captain Charles Richards, and Lt. J. F. Bagnell. Major A. M. Gump was timekeeper, while the "Ole Maestro" Jack Menges, did the announcing.

Abe Elkin, fight manager and matchmaker of New York City, writes that some more of the boxers at Stillman's Gym are Service-bound. Vic Dellicurti, Joey Varoff, Herbie Kronowith and Sanders Cox are awaiting call, and Danny Bartfield is already in the Army.

A group of soldier buddies in my barracks and I listened to the Jimmy Bivins-Lee Savold bout via the radio. At the end of the scrap every soldier contended Savold was winner, our opinion by the radio report. It sounded Savold unanimously, but when the call over the air named Bivins, the roof and the floor just about collided, and what did my pals do? Simply had me pen off a letter to The Ring Editor, Nat Fleischer, who was at the ringside, reported by the announcer. Each of the fellows signed his name and off to Nat the letter went for his opinion and details. In The Ring Editor's reply he gave the information which gave the boys a satisfactory understanding, and the barracks is once more a happy reunited little home. Bivins won easily.

On November 8, at Miami, Florida, Sammy Secreet, Pittsburgh sailor boy, stationed at the Miami Base, was declared winner over Jacksonville Station's Al Nettlow. It was for a Naval Benefiter.

Pvt. Stanley Evans pulled a surpriser when he told the Fort Custer, Michigan, boxing personnel, that he had beaten Joe Louis. They were given proof of the victory which was back in their amateur days. Pvt. Evans is on the fort's fight squad.

So great is the fan appeal for boxing at Keesler Field, Mississippi, that the weekly fight programs at the field will be moved to the Biloxi USO Club, seating over 5,000 fans.

Newspapers the country over have carried the swell news of Barney Ross' heroism at Guadalcanal. In this, the former lightweight and welterweight champion of the world, displayed the heart, courage, aggressiveness and fire of a true fighter, and carried all these and more from the ring into the battlefield.

Henry Armstrong poured leather into Barney to annex the welterweight title and the Jewish lad took everything Hurricane Hank had, without flinching. That night he carried that stout heart into the ring, but he carried a stouter one right into the face of death, and Barney Ross, a corporal in our Marine forces, became a champion of champions,—greater than ever in the eyes of the fistic gentry.

In Jacksonville, The Ring Magazine can be bought at Jake Rackliffe's News-stand on Forsyth and Hogan Streets, and at Pop Von Reedon's, at corners of Main and Adams Street. For a Service pal, The Ring is the outstanding gift.

The Ontario military boxing championship took place at the London (Ontario, Canada) Armory and the following emerged titleholders in their divisions: Bantam—Pte. Ken Virgoe, M. D. 2; featherweight—L. Cpl. Robbie Robertson, M. D. 2; lightweight—Pte. Charlie Butters, M. D. 2; welterweight—Sgmn. Ron McNeil, M. D. 3; middleweight—C. S. M. Ken Robinson, M. D. 3; light-heavyweight—Cpl. Harold McLean, M. D. 2; heavyweight—Sgt. Ken Sproule, M. D. 2; which resulted in a big victory for M. D. 2 unit.

In the consolation group, the champions are: Bantamweight—Tpr. Doug Dale, M. D. 2; featherweight—Pvt. Ivan Leslie, M. D. 1; lightweight—Gnr. Steven Dillon, M. D. 3; welterweight—Pvt. Don Ellis, M. D. 2; middleweight—Tpr. Wilf McDonald, M. D. 2; light-heavyweight—Sgmn. Les Beaucage, M. D. 3; heavyweight—L. Cpl. Bill Kilder, M. D. 2.

Referee was Lt. Roy Clinger; judges were Capt. R. C. McNeil and Capt. E. W. G. Plunkett; timer was S. Lt. G. K. Bieman. Thanks, Cliff McWhirter.

Boxing's Honor Roll

SINCE the outbreak of war in the United States, commencing with the treacherous back stab of the Japs at Pearl Harbor, the field of pugilism has done itself proud by the manner in which its members have flocked to the colors, many enlisting of their own volition long before the draft call could be made. Latest tally of our records shows that over two thousand fistic stars, both pro and amateur, are now in some branch of the armed forces. Titleholders of bygone days and the current crop of gladiators have astounded the country with the marks they have set for enlistments. Boxing's honor roll is headed by 27 champions, past and present.

Herewith follows a list of the title holders:

Gene Tunney, U. S. Navy; Jack Dempsey, U. S. Coast Guard; James J. Braddock, U. S. Army.

Joe Louis, U. S. Army; Tommy Loughran, U. S. Marines; Billy Conn, U. S. Army; Melio Bettina, U. S. Army.

Tony Zale, U. S. Navy; Billy Soose, U. S. Navy; Ken Overlin, U. S. Navy.

Al Singer, U. S. Army; Fred Apostoli, U. S. Navy; Tommy Freeman, U. S. Navy; Georgie Pace, U. S. Army.

Al Hostak, U. S. Navy; Bob Olin, U. S. Maritime Service; Benny Leonard, U. S. Maritime Service; Pete Sarron, U. S. Army.

Lou Ambers, U. S. Coast Guard; Lew Jenkins, U. S. Coast Guard; Barney Ross, U. S. Marines.

Gus Lesnevich, U. S. Coast Guard; Jackie Fields, U. S. Army; Fidel LaBarba, U. S. Army; Pete Scalzo, U. S. Army.

Lou Brouillard, U. S. Army; Small Montana, U. S. Army.

Howard Vair, Detroit sportsman and a top boxing enthusiast, has done tremendous work for military boxing in the area around London, Ontario, Canada.

AT GEIGER FIELD

By PVT. MARK FANNON

UP among the tall pines near Spokane, Wash., the Army Air Force glove throwers punch away hoping to attain health and recognition.

Geiger Field is just another field which has worked itself up to plenty of excitement over the glove sport. As the ambitious kids pound away attempting to sop up the tricks of boxing, Geiger is to have a Golden Glove tournament. There is plenty of talent to make it an interesting affair. Scattered throughout this scenic spot are many buildings where the lads go through their exercises. The value of boxing is slowly being realized.

A few weeks before, we were stationed at Ephrata Air Base. A boxing ring was in a prominent place on the field, indicating the sport found favor during the warmer weather. Now, of course, the snappy weather has made outdoor sports a decided discomfort, and with no indoor place of training, boxing was forced to take a back seat. Being a new base it is sadly lacking in indoor training places as well as proper lighting and heating arrangements. Though the boxing competition was nowhere to be seen, padded mitt fans were many. Several former mitt throwers and fans were located here. With that, need we remind you, comes inquiries about the world's foremost boxing informative, The Ring.

The 95th Bomb. Group, of which your humble correspondent is a proud member, is working hard on its boxing program. Lt. Charles Brickley of California is in charge of this outfit, assisted by likable Pvt. Perry "Arky" Henley, rangy Arkansas lad. "Arky" promises us he will spend most of his time helping the boxing lovers.

Instructions in the "manly art" are given three nights a week in the spacious gym. An ideal gym at that, boasting plenty of room. Every kind of equipment used in boxing is here.

P. F. C. Sam Scadron, formerly connected with Fred Apostoli and Bob Olin, heads the instructors. Several good prospects are training regularly, according to Sam, showing better than average promise. The writer will also help to instruct the scores of interested lads.

The Golden Gloves Tournament we mentioned before will take place in the near future. It is so important an event for the Northwest that Nat Fleischer himself aims to donate prizes as well as referee some of the matches if possible. It's just such shows that will develop the future ring stars.

RING NOTES . . . Willie Pep and Beau Jack gave N. E. fans two more national names . . . When Georgie Martin whipped Ralph Zannelli he won the N. E. title, according to Boston papers . . . This must mean that Mike Kaplan has given up the crown . . . The picture "Gentleman Jim" should give the public a different version of the boxing game. Nat Fleischer sent boxing equipment to Geiger Field . . . Bill Gore was one of the men behind Willie Pep . . . Thanks for the poem on Garvey Young, Norma Jones . . . It could not have been better . . . New York fans expected too much of Garvey . . . Don't forget he had not fought any name fighters a year ago . . . Season's Greetings to all.

AT KEESLER FIELD

PVT. HENRY W. MILLER knocked out Pvt. Curtis Helms of the 411 T.S.S. to win the middleweight championship of Keesler Field. Pvt. Matt La Sista knocked out Pvt. George Hall in 30 seconds of the first round to win the heavyweight championship at the post.

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NEW ORLEANS BOXING

By IKE MORALES

HUGH FULLERTON, JR., who does a nifty job of column writing for the Associated Press, scooped the nation in general and New Orleans in particular, when he announced in his November 23rd column that Lew Diamond would be associated with the popular Martin Burke in the promotion of fisticuffing in the Crescent City. The latter has yet to deny or confirm Diamond's statement, but the local fight bugs are, nevertheless, taking it for granted that the two will get together, probably in January, for their first show.

As a rule, boxing is at a standstill during the gridiron season, and this year was no exception. Fans here are very much football-minded, especially around the holidays when they are getting ready for the Sugar Bowl classic. Boxing during Sugar Bowl week is of the simon-pure standard, bringing together two collegiate teams or two A.A.U. or C.Y.O. inter-city outfits.

Getting back to the Diamond-Burke combine. Lew is no stranger to New Orleans fans. He was matchmaker here about eight years ago and did a creditable job before moving up the line. At the time Diamond was just breaking in "Evil Eye" Finkle, the famous hexer, who was with Lew here. Diamond managed Gus Lesnevich, who was crowned the light-heavyweight champion under Lew's reign and who is now in the service.

Aside from Diamond, there is Johnny Abrams, a real veteran of the game, slated to bounce back as promoter-matchmaker. Abrams promoted about two decades ago and put on some real slam-bang battles. Abrams introduced such fighters to New Orleans as Pete Hartley, Dave Shade, Mike Gibbons, Harry Greb, Chuck Wiggins and the like.

Should Abrams and Diamond take up their duties in January as they say they will, then local fans will once again be in for some first-class fights ere long. Because a majority of the good fighters are now battling for Uncle Sam, securing the better grade glovers to appear here may be tougher than one would expect.

Opposition is what the fight game here has lacked for some time. Whenever two or more promoters are in the field you can look for each trying to outdo the other. This brings about better fights, which are what the fans want, anyway. And, why not? They pay the freight and deserve the best!

During the early twenties, New Orleans had three or four promoters and the fans saw only the cream of the crop. Most every top fighter in the game displayed the manly art before the Crescent City fans, including the Gibbons brothers, Tom and Mike, Jeff Smith, Harry Greb, Gene Tunney, George and Joe Chip, Martin Burke, "Greek" Brown, Knockout Chaney, Benny Leonard, Happy Littleton, Ad Wolgast, Joe Rivers, Johnny Buff, Frankie Mason, Jack Dempsey, Chuck Wiggins, and others, too numerous to mention.

Burke, who was Dempsey's chief sparmate in the Manassa Mauler's chief fights, boxed Tunney 15 rounds here. Jeff Smith suffered his first and only knockout at the hands of Tony Marullo here. It is also the place where Dempsey scored his quickest knockout, belting out big Carl Morris.

Close to 100,000 fans turned out for the 24 boxing shows held in New Orleans during 1942, and while most of them were spirited affairs, there were a few disappointments. Since there haven't been any fights here for some time for the reason we mentioned before, this is about as good a time as any to give you the lowdown or preview of the fights held here during 1942:

February 6—Cleo Shans decisioned Richard Polite. (Shans, a decided underdog, swarmed all over the local favorite and beat him decisively for 10 rounds.)

April 7—Aldo Spoldi decisioned Harry Weekly. (Weekly tried hard to stop Spoldi's 17-bout winning streak but was unable to cope with the busy, two-fisted Italian.)

April 10—Charles Parham knocked out Richard Polite. (Polite tried a comeback and was unsuccessful. Parham had too many guns for the local boy.)

April 13—Jackie Callura decisioned Bill Speary. (The fight was a hummer all the way, but a cut over Speary's right eye proved a handicap as the tireless Callura kept a tattoo on Billy's optic.)

April 20—Leo Rodak drew with Jimmy Kidd Hatcher. (Hatcher looked like an easy winner but the officials thought otherwise. Rodak didn't look like the Rodak of old and was lucky to get an even break.)

May 11—Harry Weekly decisioned Yucatan Kid. Guy Serean stopped Jimmy Maddox. (Yucatan Kid gave Weekly plenty of trouble with stiff body blows, but Harry's superior boxing skill told in the long run. Serean had an easy time stowing away the lanky Maddox. In fact, it was Guy's only easy fight staged here.)

May 15—Gene Johnson decisioned Bobby Creed. (Johnson had too many guns for Creed and while the latter put up a good showing, the Gotham Negro was the best in every exchange.)

May 25—Jimmy Kidd Hatcher decisioned Petey Scalzo. (One of the best crowds of the season turned out for this one—a natural. The former feather champion landed some telling blows, but Hatcher was "too smart" and beat his foe to the punch more times than not.)

June 8—Vince Dell 'Orto knocked out, technically, Guy Serean. (This was a big surprise. Dell 'Orto, a heavy underdog, never stopped punching and Guy's handlers tossed in the laundry in the eighth. Vince made a decided hit with fans in this fight.)

June 15—Aldo Spoldi knocked out "Punching Paul" Altman in one round. (Altman came here highly publicized as a terrific puncher, but Charley Johnston's boy didn't give the Texan much chance to display his wallop. In fact, Spoldi popped Altman with a right to the body and a left to the jaw and it was curtains for "Punching Paul.")

June 22—Lulu Costantino knocked out Georges Hansford in five. (Fans knew Hansford didn't have much chance with Lulu, but they wanted to get a good glimpse at the New Yorker who was, up to that time, beaten only by Chalky Wright. And they saw plenty.)

June 29—Vince Dell 'Orto decisioned Jackie Callura. (Jackie's seven-bout winning streak in a local ring came to an end. The Canadian appeared somewhat lost, unable to solve Vince's style, but finished strong and made a good fight of it.)

July 10—Holman Williams stopped Randy Brown. (Williams had too much experience and threw too many gloves for Chris Dundee's fighter and won as he pleased.)

July 13—Saverio Turiello decisioned Jackie Byrd. (Byrd was fresh from a victory over Lew Jenkins in his home town and while he was impressive with left hooks to the body during the early stages of the fight, Saverio put his experience to good stead in the last half of the battle to win out.)

July 24—Holman Williams decisioned Lorenzo Strickland. (This was another easy one for Holman. Lorenzo was tough, however.)

July 31—Kid Percy decisioned Howell King. (Percy, a promising fighter, won after a tough battle for 10 rounds. Both were cut and bleeding.)

August 10—Vince Dell 'Orto decisioned Richard Lemos. (Once again Dell 'Orto came from behind to snatch victory from defeat and showed plenty of stamina and courage to overcome the terrific punches of the Mexican. It was a fine fight witnessed by a large crowd.)

August 14—Charley Burley scored a technical knockout over Holman Williams for the mythical colored middleweight championship. (The referee stopped the fight in the tenth when a cut over Holman's eye and a heavy right hand bombardment almost sent Williams through the ropes. Williams held his own for nine rounds and was never once on the floor. Close to 7000 fans saw the contest and some 3000 were turned away.)

August 17—Cosby Linson decisioned Lew Jenkins. (It was Cosby's first local fight since returning from a successful Eastern invasion and he proved beyond doubt that he was ready for the best 147-pounders in the country. Linson took Jenkins' best shots and came on to outpunch and outfight the former lightweight title-holder. Lew was a heavy favorite to take the local boy into camp and the "wise boys" were taken to the cleaners.)

September 11—Slugger White decisioned Gene Johnson. (It was White's first fight in New Orleans in five years and he made a decided hit with the fans by his willingness and determination to mix at all times. Johnson was game to the end and stood his ground, but the New Yorker had to take plenty to stay the limit. A small crowd saw the fight, but those who turned out were treated to as fine an attraction as one would care to see.)

September 14—Cosby Linson decisioned Ruben Shank. (One of the best fights seen in a local ring in some time. Shank, it was, who gave Linson his first defeat as a professional more than a year ago and Cosby was anxious to erase this one.)

September 25—Willie Joyce decisioned Slugger White. (This bout was billed for the colored lightweight championship of the world. It brought together two of the better lightweights and Promoter Lou Messina presented Joyce with a gold belt. Slugger couldn't quite solve Joyce's style and though he was the aggressor, wasn't quite able to catch up with Willie at the end.)

September 28—Sammy Angott decisioned Aldo Spoldi; Cosby Linson decisioned Jackie Byrd; Jackie Callura decisioned Vince Dell 'Orto, and Richard Lemos and Bobby Ruffin battled to a draw. (This was the mammoth all-star show commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Corbett-Sullivan fight held at City Park stadium, which as stated in our last article in THE RING, was a flop, financially, but resulted in three great fights. The Angott-Spoldi fight was a waltz throughout, Sammy looking like anything but a champion. It was Spoldi's first defeat in a local ring.

The Linson-Byrd fight was a hummer with Cosby taking the play away from the Arkansas boy early and staying out in front. Callura reversed the decision in his win over Dell 'Orto, who, like Spoldi, dropped his first local decision. This was a very close fight. There was very little to choose between Ruffin and Lemos and the "draw" proved very popular. Ruffin finished best and probably would have won had the fight lasted two more rounds, but the Irish boy allowed the Mexican to pile up an early margin and therefore had to be content with an even break.

October 16—Holman Williams decisioned Charley Burley. (Holman reversed the recent Burley victory by scoring a well-earned 15-round decision and with it regained the colored middleweight championship. Burley was not at his best for this fight, but it is doubtful whether he would have taken Williams at his best on this night.)

From the above sketches you will notice that there were several boxers brought back by popular demand. Quite a few showed here several times so I'm now giving you a thumb-nail outline of what was what in fistiana here during the 1942 season. Here goes:—

MOST FIGHTS—Vince Dell 'Orto and Holman Williams. (Four times.)

ENCORE BATTLES—Charley Burley vs. Holman Williams; Jackie Callura vs. Vince Dell 'Orto. (Twice each.)

BIGGEST UPSET—Vince Dell 'Orto's kayo of Guy Serean.

MOST CONSISTENT WINNER—Cosby Linson. (Three fights, three wins; Williams and Dell 'Orto each won three of their four fights.)

BEST FIGHT OF THE YEAR—Cosby Linson's victory over Ruben Shank.

POOREST FIGHT OF THE YEAR—Sammy Angott vs. Aldo Spoldi.

BIGGEST GATE—At mammoth all-star show featuring Angott-Spoldi.

BIGGEST ATTENDANCE—At first Holman Williams-Charley Burley fight.

MOST POPULAR FIGHTER—Cosby Linson.

BIGGEST FORM REVERSAL—Holman Williams' 15-round decision over Charley Burley after the latter had scored a 10-round technical knockout over Holman two months earlier.

MOST CONSISTENT MANAGER—Charley Johnston. He piloted six winners in eight fights.

SHORTEST FIGHT—Aldo Spoldi's one round knockout over Paul Altman.

BEST BOXER—Lulu Costantino.

MOST CONSISTENT LOSERS—Richard Polite and Jackie Byrd. (Two each.)

The following main event boys boxed more than once during 1942 in New Orleans:

Holman Williams (4); Vince Dell 'Orto (4); Jackie Callura (3); Cosby Linson (3); Aldo Spoldi (3); Charley Burley (2); Jackie Byrd (2); Slugger White (2); Richard Lemos (2); Jimmy Kidd Hatcher (2); Gene Johnson (2); Guy Serean (2); Harry Weekly (2); Richard Polite (2).

SHOTS AT RANDOM—Major L. A. Newsom, attorney for the Louisiana Athletic Commission, joined Uncle Sam's armed forces and is now a lieutenant-commander with the United States Coast Guard. Newsom's entry into the service followed that of Chairman I. Mattes, who is a member of the Auxiliary Coast Guard and who recently turned over his boat to the government for the duration . . . . Other members of the commission doing their bit are Secretary Robert Heim, Treasurer Tom Littleton and Medical Examiner Dr. N. K. Edrington.

Since he was appointed on the commission staff, Heim has made a complete change in the office affairs and any information regarding fights and fighters may be secured on a moment's notice. A member of the Underwood firm, Heim is seeing to it that the United States government is getting its quota of typewriters from this section . . . . Littleton, who has been connected with the Illinois Central Railroad for more than 25 years, is putting in long hours with his firm for the duration, but still finds time putting his knowledge of the ring game to use for the uplifting of boxing here . . . . Dr. Edrington is one of the physicians appointed by Uncle Sam at the Induction Center here . . . . All in all, the commission is working 100 per cent for Uncle Sam.

Martin Burke, wrestling promoter, is packing 'em in at his night spot located in the heart of the Vieux Carre . . . . The former sparring partner of Jack Dempsey has renovated the Hawaiian Room and is thinking seriously of enlarging the plant . . . . Between the mat game and his business, Marty is on the go night and day. If he joins Lew Diamond in the promotion of boxfighting starting in January, we're wondering just how the former heavyweight contender will ever get any sleep . . . . Francis Kercheval, one of the popular referees here, joined the U. S. Marines last month . . . . St. Mary's C.Y.O. officials turned over a check for $4000 to the St. Mary's church at a banquet to its committee members and the press recently following their Carnival of Champions amateur boxing show staged at the Municipal Auditorium . . . . Here's hoping that the year 1943 will bring prosperity and health to all, and that the fight game will come back with a double-barreled bang, bang!! . . . . Happy New Year to all.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

ERIC BOON, British lightweight king, had his return contest with ex-welterweight champ Jake Kilrain of Glasgow over the 10-round course at the Queensberry Services Club, London.

In their previous setto, Kilrain was defeated via the kayo route, but he and his supporters were of the opinion that the finishing blow was in the prohibited area, hence this return.

On this occasion Boon made it certain that there would be no controversy over his win. For the full 10 rounds he kept his blows to the upper part of Kilrain's body and he was keen to make sure that none of his blows went anywhere near the border line.

This self-imposed task to please handicapped him, for he would not take the chances to deliver a body blow, when the opportunities presented themselves.

Kilrain proved a game opponent. He was rocked to the heels by Boon's heavy deliveries to the chin but he fought back well.

Boon, after the first round, saw he had the beating of the Scot and eased up in his work. It was not until the sixth stanza that Kilrain took several counts.

Again in the ninth the Glasgow lad was put down by Boon's heavy punching.

In the final round Kilrain tried to pull the fight out of the fire, but was met by a heavy barrage from Boon, that landed him on the canvas for another nine count.

Altogether the Scot was put down for seven counts in the 10 rounds and he must be given credit for lasting the distance.

Arthur Danahar of Bethnal Green repeated a previous win over Jim Wellard of Northampton when the referee stopped the bout at the end of the sixth of a scheduled 10 rounder and judged that Wellard was in no fit condition to continue.

This was an example of boxer vs. fighter and proved only too convincingly, that in this case, the boxer was the fighter's master.

Jack Hyams of Stepney proved too experienced for Irish Pat O'Connor over 10 rounds and he won cleverly on points.

Jackie Rankin of Southall was lucky to defeat Len Beynon of Wales at the end of the fifth round when the latter received a very bad cut eye and the referee stopped the bout.

Ronnie James of Swansea, who is the official contender for the lightweight title, put a dent in the record of the undefeated Jimmy Molloy of Liverpool when he gained a narrow points win at the Stadium, Liverpool.

The fans were aghast when Matchmaker Johnny Best gave Molloy so tough an assignment, but Johnny was confident that the undefeated Merchant Navy boy, who had won 23 contests off the reel, would give a good account of himself.

How right Best was, was proved when the two faced each other, for it was Molloy who was the hero of the bout, and it goes without saying that Molloy will beat more than will beat him.

James took the lead in the early round, but met a determined battler who was out to make good, and make good he certainly did, for in the third he put James down with a hard right to the chest, and although he took quite a deal of punishment in the seventh session, he fought back stubbornly and was declared the loser after a grand contest.

Remember the name—Jimmy Molloy of Liverpool. He will be heard from in the lightweight ranks.

Harry Mizler, ex-lightweight champion of Britain, had to use all his boxing skill to defeat Frank Duffy of Liverpool in the chief bout over ten rounds at the Caledonian Road Baths, London.

Mizler's ability to evade the swings of Duffy was in evidence and he scored repeatedly with a snappy straight left.

Billy Hawkins of Watford stopped George Fordham of Edmonton in the third of a ten-round contest when the referee intervened in Hawkins' favor.

Corp. Jack Mint (R.A.F.) stopped L/Bdr. Billy King (Army) in the fourth of an eight-rounder, when the referee intervened.

Jimmy O'Brien (Newport) scored a K.O. win over Norman Rogers (Gellinger) in the seventh of a ten-round contest at Pontypool.

Rogers came in for some severe punishment after the fourth round, and after taking several counts he was counted out from a left to the mark.

Ron Cook (Nantyglo), the improving Welsh lightweight, was forced to pull out a little extra to outpoint Jack Rees of Newbridge in a six-round contest.

Over ten rounds, Tich Gravell (Nantyglo) outpointed Ronnie Bishop, former Welsh flyweight champion, after a good bout.

Promoter Joe Gess staged another successful show at the Pavilion, Pontypool, when Trevor Burt (Ogmore Vale) stopped Texas Grey, an American soldier, in the second of a ten-round contest.

Grey, a colored middleweight, was not in Burt's class, and after taking considerable punishment, retired at the end of the round.

Tommy Smith (Merthyr) won easily over Ted Barter of Kingston in the feature bout of eight rounds at Walsall.

Hal Cartwright (Tipton) gained a hard-earned victory on points over Billy Reynolds (Shepherd's Bush) after eight rounds.

Bert Jackson, the aggressive two-handed battler from Fleetwood, added another scalp to his long list of victories when he outpunched Len Davies of Swansea in the feature bout over ten rounds at the Town Hall, Oxford.

Jackson was too strong for the clever Welshman, who found that his clever boxing could not offset the Lancashire lad's hurricane hitting, and finished way behind on points at the end.

George Haines (Pontypool) won a good bout over ten rounds when he outpointed Joe Josephs (Cardiff) at Pontypool.

Haines, although he has not boxed for a considerable time, did not show any loss of form, and his brilliant boxing should help him to go up the ladder of fame in the bantam division.

Johnny Lookie (Newport) defeated Tommy Dowlais (Tredegar) in the fourth of a ten-round contest, when the referee intervened to save a game lad unnecessary punishment.

The main event of the program staged at the Queensberry Services Club, London, was that between the lightweight champion of Great Britain, Eric Boon (at present serving in the R.A.F.) and the ex-welterweight champion of Great Britain, Jake Kilrain of Scotland.

The bout had hardly got into its stride when Boon, in the second round, shot a left to the body as Kilrain was coming in.

The Scot collapsed, writhing in agony, and Referee Moss Deyong had no hesitation in counting the fatal ten over him.

The crowd seemed to disagree with the decision, and greeted it with boos and catcalls, but from where this writer sat, it seemed perfectly legal, as Kilrain seemed to jump to the blow and had he not done so, the punch would certainly have landed above the prohibited area.

Matchmaker John Harding appeased the big crowd by announcing a return contest at the next tournament.

Supporting bouts were:

George Muir (New Zealand forces) gained a surprising victory over Welshman Jim Wilde over ten rounds.

Wilde had a 32-pound weight advantage over the Anzac, who punched hard and often, and after dropping Wilde for two counts, ran out a comfortable winner on points.

Ivor Thomas (Wales) won over Johnny Ward of Ireland when the latter was disqualified in the fourth session.

The colored Canadian heavyweight, Arnold Hayes, gave a points beating to Jack Smith, who was making a return to boxing after a three years' absence from the ring. This contest was over eight rounds.

At Watford Town Hall, Sergt. Jimmy Lester (Army), deputized at the proverbial last minute for Johnny Cunningham, handed out a beating to Mickey Martin of Cleethorpes over ten rounds, despite a weight disadvantage of five pounds.

Supporting were Frank Meachem (Croydon), former amateur boxing association champion, who drew with Billy Hawkins of Watford in a 10 round contest.

This proved the best and most interesting bout of the evening.

Over eight rounds, Ben Green of Leicester outpointed Sid Amer (High Wycombe), and Johnny Russell of Kentish Town kayoed Jimmy Jury of Bournemouth in the first of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Liverpool Stadium featured as its main attraction a contest between the middleweight champion of Scotland, Bert Gilroy, and Charlie Knock of Hanley. The contest only lasted six rounds, and Gilroy proved his superiority over Knock. After two knockdowns, the referee stopped the contest, awarding the fight to the Scot, as Knock was outclassed.

Report has come from Durban, South Africa, that the bantamweight champion, Johnny King, has decided to retire from boxing and that he has no intention of again defending the title he won in 1932.

Serving in the Navy since 1940, King has had more than his share of adventure, having served on H.M.S. *Prince of Wales* when she was sunk by the Japs.

Then he was dive bombed and machine gunned at Singapore, after which came a spell of dangerous work on a mine sweeper in the Pacific.

King is the only one of Britain's boxing champions at present serving overseas, and he is of the opinion he has a far more important fight on his hands now, and that his age will be against him when this war is ended.

Anyway, Johnny, we salute you. You've always been a champion this country could be proud of.

Freddie Mills, British and Empire cruiserweight champion, at present in the R.A.F., defeated his fellow airman, Leeds man, Al Robinson, in the sixth of a scheduled ten-rounder at the Belle Vue Stadium, Manchester, when Robinson received a badly cut eye, which made it impossible for him to continue.

The ending was most unsatisfactory, as there was very little separating the two men at the end, and had it continued it would have been anyone's fight.

Both boys had to have stitches in eye cuts.

Sergeant Tom Reddington (R.A.F.) of Manchester had a big advantage in weight over Pat O'Connor of Ireland, but nevertheless lost the decision after ten rounds.

Aircraftman Kid Tanner (British Guiana) upset the odds when he gave weight and a beating to Jackie Rankin of Southall over ten rounds in what proved the best scrap of the evening. Tanner proved in this contest that he is still a great force to be up against.

George Yates of Altringham defeated Les McCarthy of Manchester when the latter was ruled out in the fourth round. Paddy Lyons of Manchester handed out a sleeping draught to Charlie Parkin of Mansfield in the fourth.

Sergt. Peter Kane, Golbourne and the R.A.F., made a certainty of his contest with Paddy Ryan of Manchester and the Army for the Northern Area flyweight title, when they met at the Liverpool Stadium for genial Johnny Best, the most popular boxing promoter in Great Britain.

In defeating Ryan, Kane has removed all opposition for a contest with Jackie Paterson of Glasgow for the British flyweight title, and I contend that this contest should be recorded as for the world's flyweight title, because when Kane retired from the latter class, owing to weight troubles, the title for flyweights was declared vacant.

Therefore, if and when Kane and Paterson meet at the 112-pound limit, the contest should be billed for the world's, Empire and British flyweight titles.

If I am any judge, the fight would draw a record gate in Great Britain.

To get back to the contest between Paddy Ryan and Kane. The latter outfought Ryan from the start, and the little Manchester lad was forced to take quite a lot of punishment till Referee Arthur Myers of Manchester called a halt in the sixth of the fifteen-round contest to save a game lad unnecessary punishment, for he was obviously outclassed.

At the weigh-in for this contest, Kane was two ounces inside the 112-pounds and Ryan scaled three ounces inside the limit.

Bill Sampson, the colored middleweight of the American forces, was stopped in the sixth of a ten-round contest against Trevor Burt of Ogmore Vale when they met at Pontypool.

Sampson made a good impression at this hall when he knocked out Jack Farr of Abertillery in two rounds, but he found a different proposition in Burt, who was in good fighting trim.

There is talk of matching Eric Boon, British lightweight champ, with Ronnie James of Wales for the title held by Boon, and that the Queensberry Club is willing to stage the contest, offering a purse of £1,000. But in conversation with the manager of the champion, I was given the statement as quoted: That Boon will not enter the ring for the championship until this war is ended, and if the publicity given to the match is correct, then Boon will box James in a contest at 140 pounds for a side-stake of £500 in Victory Bonds. So all the talk of this match taking place during hostilities is out of the question, and that, readers, is straight from the horse's mouth.

This is all for this time, readers, and I am hoping to give you more news from the ringside from Britain. So we will end by saying that we hope to be with you next month.

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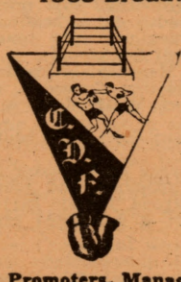

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RHODE ISLAND NEWS
By DANNY NARDI

PEDRO HERNANDEZ, high ranking featherweight from New York City, and Bill Speary of Nanicote, Pa., headlined a benefit show, promoted by Manny Almeida, with total proceeds going to the Holy Rosary Catholic Church of Providence, R. I., which was recently badly damaged by fire. The bout was held at the R. I. Auditorium and drew a crowd of about 3500 people, which resulted in a profit of $1252.90. Included in this amount was a gift of $50 donated by Al Weill, widely known manager of boxers, who had two of his boys on the card.

Pedro entered the ring a five to two favorite over the former three-time National amateur champ, but was upset by his lightly taken opponent and lost to Speary on a unanimous vote after ten rounds of fighting. Speary started fast and held a comfortable margin in the first five rounds, with everybody expecting him to wilt in the last few heats. Speary surprised the large audience and Pedro, by increasing his margin as the fight progressed and won the verdict and the plaudits of the crowd.

The ten-round co-feature was a return go between Saverio Turiello of New York City and Verne Patterson, young colored battler from Hartford, Conn. These boys had met before with Patterson coming out with a close and disputed decision. The fight was almost a repetition of the other one and again Patterson came out on top with a close decision. Turiello did most of the forcing and was the harder puncher of the two and had Patterson in trouble in the fourth and eighth rounds. Apparently it was not enough to offset the slight margin that Patterson held by his boxing tactics.

In a six-rounder, Danny Williams of Hartford, Conn., 145, won via T.K.O., over Oscar Suggs of Newport, R. I., 146, in the fifth. Suggs was forced to resign after sustaining a bad nose.

Norman Audette of Fall River, Mass., and Paul Collucci of Prov., R. I., middleweights, fought a furious four-round draw.

In the opener of the evening, Johnny Duke of Hartford, kayoed Tony Bellino of Providence, R. I., in an abbreviated affair of one round of a scheduled four.

Extra added attraction was the two-round exhibition put on by that widely known bantam of a few years ago, the Rhode Island Red from Providence, Young Montreal, who was often called the uncrowned champion, and young Dante Scarra, of Providence, R. I.

The other exhibition was also put on by another local old time favorite, Mickey Devine, and Louis Hernandez, younger brother of Pedro. These boys reenacted the famous seventh round of the Dempsey-Tunney fight in slow motion, with Mickey taking the part of the Manassa Mauler.

Jackie Callura of Canada and Tommy "Curley" St. Angelo of New York City, met in the ten-round feature in a bout held at the Arcadia, local downtown fight headquarters of Promoter Dave Cashman, before a crowd of 1036 fans with a gate of $1375. This was an abbreviated affair. It lasted only two rounds. Callura, Canadian feather champ, who already has a signed contract to fight for Jackie Wilson's N.B.A. featherweight title, for Promoter Dave Cashman, needed only the first round and 43 seconds of the second to halt St. Angelo. Jackie started the fireworks early in the first round by flooring his opponent with a smashing left hook to the ribs. The sound of the gong for the second round had hardly died down when Curley went down again for another nine count. He arose to meet another flurry of blows which put him down for the last time. Callura weighed 128 and St. Angelo 129¼.

The top six-rounder brought together Patsy Brandino, of Canada, a stablemate of Callura, in a return go against the Blond Tiger of Lowell, Mass., in the best bout of the evening. This bout was a furiously fought one and had the crowd off their chairs for the better part of the six rounds. The decision was a draw and not popular with the crowd who thought that Patsy had the better of the going and was entitled to the verdict. Patsy weighed 130¼ and the Tiger 126.

Jackie Donahue, U.S.C.G., at 136, kayoed Frankie Topazio, 141½, of Bristol, R. I., in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Irish Johnny Connelly, 138, of Cambridge, Mass., won via T.K.O. over Johnny Coe, of Boston, Mass., in the second round of a scheduled six. In the opener of the evening Paul Collucci, 154, of Prov., R. I., kayoed Tony Bellino, 146, of Prov., R. I., in the first round of a scheduled four.

Bobby Zollo, fast stepping amateur protege of Bobby Viti, who has lost one fight in his amateur career of two years, seems unbeatable as a lightweight this year. He has come out on top in every tournament he has participated in, his last conquest being the New England All American Lightweight title, which he won easily in a bout against Tony Compo, of Boston, Mass.

Well so long you loyal readers of THE RING Magazine. This is my last column for the duration, as I am now a full-fledged member of Uncle Sam's armed forces and thanks to all fans for their wonderful letters and helpful suggestions about my Rhode Island news.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

EZZARD CHARLES, Cincinnati's middleweight ink spot, continued his climb toward the throne room of his division on the night of October 27 when he defeated Joe Maxim, Cleveland light-heavyweight in 10 hard fought rounds at Pittsburgh. He then defeated him again on Ed Bang's Christmas card at Cleveland on December 3.

Charles is going great guns. The able guidance of Business Manager George Rhein has had much to do with the quick rise of the Woodward High School punch ace.

In Ed Bang's show Ray Robinson was featured with Charles. Ray scored a knockout over Izzy Jannazzo in the eighth round.

At Columbus, Ohio, on October 19 Buddy Walker, colored heavyweight, returned to the wars to defeat Johnny Flynn, eastern star, in a 10-round bout.

Ray Heling, former West Allis, Wis., boxing critic, manager and promoter, bulletins from Bolling Field, D. C., that Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio, heavyweight, is stationed at the same place and is in charge of boxing instructions. Ray says that Buddy is having a hard time in lining up a good boxing team, but continues that Knox like his ring career, will come out on top.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and Their Pilots—Jackie Davis, former good welter and later manager and promoter, is now located in Hollywood, Calif., with his family . . . . Lorenzo B. Lovings' featherweight, Al Gomez, is coming along like a house afire. Lovings, located in Chicago, saw his protege defeat Chuck Taylor by a six-round knockout in October and then on November 23 travel to a fast draw with Sammy Parotta.

Tommy Leeper, Indianapolis, Ind., manager of the two good Hoosier heavyweights, Elza Thompson and Johnny Denson, is also fight instructor at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Tommy says both Elza and Johnny are ready for any of the top-flight heavyweights.

Willie Russell, Columbus, O., lightweight, got back into action last month and beat Joey Maynard at Delafield, Wis. . . . My fight flashes are going over big and the monthly service is available to fighters, promoters, managers or fans interested. One dollar per year and all information. Address this writer at 6716 Palmetto Street, Cincinnati, O. . . . This address is also for the use of pro and amateur boxers of all weights who wish national connections . . . . Cricket Helson, one of the best little men ever turned out in this territory, is now stationed with the U. S. Navy at a base somewhere in Rhode Island. Cricket's memorable battles as a flyweight and later as bantam are still fresh in the minds of the dyed-in-the-wool fight fans around these parts. Merry Christmas and a grand and happy New Year to all. Don't forget to buy War Bonds and Stamps today.

Sonny Horne, the Niles, O., middleweight, managed by the hustling George Sheppard of Brooklyn, handed a trouncing to Jerry La Starza at White Plains, N. Y., on Nov. 24. Horne has won 27 of 29 starts. His last saw him shellack New York's Pete Geno at the St. Nicholas Arena in New York.

Another good star under the Sheppard banner in conjunction with co-manager Rudy Gansky, Philadelphia sportsman, is Georgie Larover of Philadelphia. Larover, an 18-year-old Italian orphan boy, is a lightweight. In 14 professional starts Georgie has blotted out 12 opponents and put the decision through on two.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

HAVANA boxing fans witnessed a good scrap when Juan Villalba, 129, Cuban, outpointed Carmelo Fenoy, 134, of Spain in 10 colorful rounds.

Villalba, in defeating Fenoy, showed he has the makings of a star fighter. He deserves a chance at the Cuban lightweight title now in possession of Santiago Sosa.

Pedro Poey, 125¼, outpointed Pototo Ribalta, 127, in eight good rounds and later on scored a one round knockout over Eligio Alvarez, another good featherweight.

Kid Espinosa, Cuba's fly and bantam champ, lost a close decision in an overweight match to Alberto Peña. Espinosa, 111½, Peña 119½. Peña is a good scrapper.

Luis Castillo, Mexico, 119, drew in 10 rounds with Diego Sosa, 120, of Cuba. The bout was a good one and a return go would fill the house.

Julio Lazaro Diaz, Cuba's heavyweight champion, surprised the experts when he easily defeated Claude Villar of Spain in ten rounds at the Cristal Arena. Diaz won nine of the ten sessions and scored three knockdowns.

Raul Sanguilly, 112, beat Alberto Porto, 110; Andres Dominguez, 190, knocked out Kid Carvajal, 185; Domingo Oropesa, 118, beat Tomas Valdes, 117, and Miguel Acevedo, 118, scored a three round K.O. over Alfred Chavez. Ignacio Alfonso, featherweight, beat Raul Vaquero in six, and Ramon Castillo, 112, scored a one-round knockout over Benny Acevedo.

Mario Ochoa, Cuba's middle and light-heavyweight champion, was idle all month due to lack of opponents. Ochoa is a classy boxer and puncher.

TACOMA, WASH., NEWS
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

THERE is little activity in Puget Sound City at the present time in regards to the boxing game. Will Maylan, local fight promoter, has plans for local talent shows and may get started soon.

Luverne Wilson, an ex-Tacoma boxer in the featherweight class, is now with the Marines at Dutch Harbor, as is Hank Curtis, another Tacoma favorite of a few years ago.

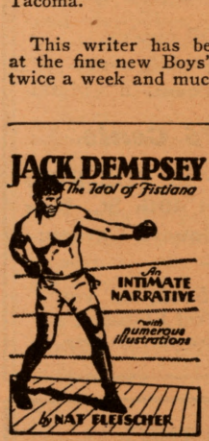
Alec Weber, a slashing welterweight of a few years ago, and formerly under the direction of this writer, is now with the Military Police somewhere in California.

Davy Ward, Tacoma welterweight, who has been inactive for several months, has resumed training for the boxing wars at the 20th Century Gym. Ward was developed by former middleweight champion Freddie Steele.

Joe Waterman, former Tacoman, and a long-time friend of this writer, has taken over the promoter's job in Portland, Ore.

H. W. Lee Croft, a great heavyweight of promise a number of years ago, has been elected sheriff of Pierce County here. Croft is a close friend of Victor McLaglen, movie star, and comes from Tacoma.

This writer has been named boxing instructor at the fine new Boys' Club here. Classes are held twice a week and much interest is shown.



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ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES

By SAM PORCELLI

WITH all of the professional and most of the amateur boxing clubs in up-state New York out for the duration, the Rochester Elks' Club continues to provide top-notch fistic entertainment to the fight hungry fans of Rochester, Batavia, Buffalo, Syracuse and Geneva.

The war has dug deeply into the ranks of the boxers in all parts of the country, with the result that the fans have to be satisfied with competition among the poorer class pros and the amateurs. Men like Johnny Papke of Cleveland, Tony Storace of Rome, New York, and Jack Pine of Buffalo, have been taking the bull by the horns and have been engaged in developing new amateur talent to meet the situation. They deserve much credit for their work to keep boxing alive.

Johnny Papke's new amateur sensation, Chuck Hunter, was the standout in winning the All-American Eastern 135-pound title in Boston . . . . Kenny Horton, Binghamton, N. Y., amateur lightweight, is now battling in camp bouts at Camp Lee, Va. . . . Harvey Lacelle, 1936 Canadian Olympic representative in the 118-pound class, has boxed in the States many times. In 1939 he boxed Ray Robinson twice, once at the Rochester Elks' Club, and the following week in Watertown, N. Y. Lacelle since then has enlisted with the R.C.A.F. and some time ago was reported missing in action. All fight fans who have witnessed Harvey in action are hoping for his safe return.

Amateur boxers and handlers seeking boxing information from this sector write to Johnny Burba, c/o Elks' Club, Rochester, N. Y.

The results of the Elks' shows follow:

Chuck Hunter, 135, Cleveland, won decision over Leo McGowan, Buffalo, five rounds.

Al Roberts, 165, Rochester, won decision over Pedro Calvillo, Cleveland, five rounds.

Don Socki, 145, Dunkirk, won decision over Stanley Scahill, Rochester, three rounds.

Harvey Bower, 175, Hilton, won decision over Stanley Laster, Dunkirk, three rounds.

Tony Capriotti, 135, East Rochester, won decision over Johnny Virgo, Rochester, three rounds.

Bill Foley, 126, Rochester, won by technical knockout over Pete Latragna, Rochester, in third round. Time 1:25.

Willie Inguaio, 135, Rochester, won decision over Bill Abigail, Fairport, three rounds.

Referees, Frank Powderly and Abe Raff; judges, Trixie Messinger and Bob Humphreys; timer, Tex Raz; announcer, Red Smith.

Prentice Hall, 157, Buffalo, won decision over Al Roberts, Rochester, five rounds.

Lin Togliafirri, 128, Rome, won decision over Tommy Stenhouse, Buffalo, five rounds.

Rudy Turner, 135, Buffalo, won decision over Tony Vero, Rome, five rounds.

Charley Hall, 128, Buffalo, won decision over Tony Perfetti, Rome, five rounds.

Al Gains, 135, Buffalo, won decision over Stanley Scahill, Rochester, three rounds.

Beauford White, 147, Rochester, won decision over Jimmy Northway, Rochester, three rounds.

Bill Foley, 120, Rochester, won by technical knockout, over Nick Samerco, Rome, in second round. Time 1:15.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

By HUGH SHANNON

WHEN Joe Muscato was stopped in the fourth round by Altus Allen, Negro heavy, at Chicago on Nov. 13, it was the fourth straight knockout served against Muscato. At one time it looked as though Joe might get somewhere in the ring but we doubt it very much now. Unless he can pull out of his slump it might be well for Muscato to hang up the gloves.

Maurice Tillet (French Angel) won from Svenson (Swedish Angel) at Jack Herman's club on Nov. 27. A bumper crowd of about 8000 saw the match. Promoter Herman has the turnstiles clicking again and it looks like another good winter for the burpers. Incidentally word comes from Boston that Maurice Tillet was rejected for Army duty. The Frenchman once served in the French armed forces.

Bert Finch expects to see new faces come from a series of three or four round bouts. Bert is one who cannot subscribe to amateur boxing as the source of supply for professionals. The rotund manager thinks the kids get all punched out in those tournaments that require a young boxer to fight two or three times in a night.

Jimmy Collins, famous as a great third-baseman and manager of the Boston Red Sox, was a boxing judge some years back but lost out when "Democrats only" got boxing assignments. Jimmy may be back as a boxing judge when Tom Dewey shakes up the State Athletic Commission.

Billy Shaw has the correct dope on Irv Robbins. No better hustler was ever around this part of the state than Irving. He'll do a good job for Uncle Sam and we hope to see him back in the fight game when the big fuss is over.

RESIN DUST—Frankie Schoell, who foug 'em all in the welter and middleweight division as well as some light-heavies tossed in, is workin as a fireman at the Memorial Auditorium . . . Chick Johnson, veteran trainer and second, also on the auditorium payroll. Chick is night watch man . . . . Wrestling Promoter Jack Herman ha a birthday on Nov. 25. He's 73 but doesn't loo over 60 . . . . and the old boy's still full of pe Herman is still close to the top of America grapple promoters.

Jack Kelly, who was sporting editor of *Th Times* a few years back, is now city court judg Jack was elected on Nov. 3 to the full 10-ye term . . . . There are no boxing shows in prospe for Buffalo this season . . . . Promoter Charli Murray says he cannot assemble a good card an won't offer any that isn't attractive . . . . How ever, "Singin' Jack" Singer hopes to get a ne club started. He and his associates have the Hud son Boxing Club, Inc., and will apply for a licens Singer wants to run weekly shows at the Eagle auditorium.

When Gov.-elect Dewey takes charge at Alban we're almost certain to see several referees an judges lose their standing. 'Tis rumored that Jac Hodges, deputy boxing commissioner, will also b out. Jack is well liked and fans, as well as thos in the boxing game, will hate to see him go . . .

SMOKE RINGS FROM PITTSBURGH

By RAY M. TODD

TONY ROSS, Detroit's classy welterweig prospect injured both his hands in trounc Jackie Armitage, of New Kensington, in th eight round main bout at The Gardens' upstair arena, on November 10. Ross floored Armitag five times in the first two rounds. Armitag came back to stagger Ross in the final ho and won the last two rounds handily. Bot fighters weighed 143 . . . . The six round semifin brought together two hard punching middl weights in Joey Mattis of Charleroi, and Jimm Johnston of Homestead. Mattis repeated his pr vious victory over the colored lad, this tim in a slam bang affair. This bout was very cl until the fourth, when Mattis cut loose an floored the Homesteader twice in the last coup of rounds, Mattis weighed 161½ lbs. against 1 lbs. for the victim . . . Ray Ferris, Hill Negr trounced Buddy Samuels of New Kensington i another six rounder, a very good bout with bo boys doing plenty of punching and fine boxin The winner weighed 142 against 144 for the lo . . . Teddy Phillips of the South Side, be Irish Jerry Kiger of Homestead in a close s rounder that saw plenty of action. Phill weighed 142 against 140 for Kiger. Paul Ca betta of East Liberty easily outpunched B Crosby of the Hill in the four round opene Carbetta weighed 123 against 131 for the Negr . . . Jake Mintz was the matchmaker, and t show drew a gross gate of $1040.81.

On December 1 Charley (Lulu) Costanti dished out a shellacking to Sgt. Mike Raffa the ten round bout at The Gardens. Lulu woun up with eight of the ten rounds. He weigh 130 against 129½ for Raffa, who suffered a c eye and mouth.

The other ten rounder saw Tony Motisi Chicago win the referee's decision over n East Liberty Buzzsaw, Carmen Notch. Th was a close bout and could have gone eith way . . . Sammy Parrotto, 132, trounced Co Louie Casiano of Fort Knox, 126 in a f rounder. . . Teddy Phillips of the South S and Irish Jerry Kiger of Homestead, met in return affair that wound up in a draw aft six hectic rounds . . . The opener was also return bout with Paul Carbetta stopping B Crosby of the Hill, after 2:58 of the thi round. Carbetta weighed 125 lbs. against 1 lbs. for the colored lad. Jake Mintz was at t matchmaking end again and the show gross $7,896.52.

JUST A JAB . . . Joey Mattis, Charlem up and coming middleweight prospect, was i ducted in the Army and was appointed acti corporal in charge of the draftees until th reached camp. Joey is a very good and cle living boy and will make a fine soldier as he h what it takes. He intends to continue fightin if Uncle Sam permits him to do so . . . Jack Fields, former welterweight champion of t world, who has been making his home in Pou keepsie, is at Fort Meade, Md., and is headed a job as athletic instructor . . . Henry Pri Hill Negro, has been inducted into the Army.

Joe Orsini, Clairton's former welterwei boxer, has enlisted in the Navy. He is now Lie Joe, the boy who once stopped Mickey Walk the toy bulldog of Rumson, N. J. Until t time of his enlistment he had been running sporting goods store in McKeesport. He paten a thumb proof boxing glove several years a and had been doing very well with it.

Tiger Joe Randall, Elizabeth, Pa., is in Army. Joe was a very good boy in his d and had a devastating right overhand . . Harry Bobo returned to the ring after seve months' layoff due to an eye injury. He stop Larry Lane of New Jersey in the first ro on the Cleveland *News* Toy Fund show.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

LEW JENKINS, erstwhile lightweight champion of the world, has set himself to the task of disproving the old adage "they never come back." The Sweetwater swatter has left all of his playboy stuff behind him and has really settled down to the serious business of fighting. After two months of strenuous training, Jenkins went to the post at Las Vegas, on November 18, opposing tough Chato Gonzales and the form he showed was excellent. It took Lew just two rounds to find the range and his famous right never seemed more devastating than when he tagged his foe for the full count.

Young Manuel Azteca, colorful Houston lightweight ran his string of victories at Las Vegas to 12 straight when he turned in a fourth round knockout victory over Jimmy Morro at San Francisco and flattened Ray Marino for the second time at Las Vegas, Nev., in three heats. A smooth boxer, a terrific hitter and plenty of courage mark Azteca as a lad with the necessary qualifications for future greatness. At the present rate of improvement, Manuel will soon be ready for the best 135-pounders in the business.

Dynamite Joe Keys, Houston colored welterweight, also campaigning in California, has been piling up win after win. His latest was an eight-round decision over Frankie Marino at San Francisco. Keys had Marino down three times and came through an easy winner. The 18-year-old kid has the kick of a mule in either mitt and only needs a bit more experience to develop into a top flight battler.

GLOVE GOSSIP . . . Punchin' Paul Altman, sensational young Houston welter, closed out another West Coast campaign with a decisive victory over Jimmy Mosette, to make it three wins and two draws out of five starts. This colorful puncher is a prime favorite with California fans as he always gives them a run for their money . . . A letter from Eddie Ownby, promising San Antonio heavyweight now stationed at Big Springs. This writer predicts a brilliant future for Eddie after the big fuss is over . . . Also word from Tex Goodwin, now with Uncle Sam's army out West, stating that there is lots of boxing interest there. Tex will be remembered for his many pleasing battles here.

The writer ran into Joey Parks recently and the ever popular Joey asked to be remembered to his many Houston friends. Parks, now a Gob, weighs well over 200 and looks fit and says the navy is swell . . . Amado Rodriguez, up and coming young El Paso middleweight, took the measure of Jackie Byrd, Arkansas flash. Making his Los Angeles debut against Jack Chase, one of the very best middles in the business, Amado came out of the fracas with the short end of the decision, but made a decided hit with the cash customers. This young Mexican can't miss being great with a bit more experience . . . The writer would like to hear from Sam Slotsky and Stanley Paul . . . The address: Houston *Press*, Houston, Texas . . . Would also like to hear from any of the Texas lads in the service.

CLEVELAND CHATTER
By SPARKY RUDOLPH

JIMMY BIVINS got away to a bad start when he made his New York debut against Lee Savold at Madison Square Garden. But it was not Jimmy's fault. As every one knows it takes two to make a fight. Savold, a good fighter, just wouldn't fight Bivins. Only in the ninth round did Savold elect to mix it a little. Bivins won eight of the ten rounds, in a slow bout. It was one of those things where two fellows meet, and the match is just slow.

It followed a prelim heavyweight fight, that had the paid customers standing on their seats, and with all the pleading of Bill Daley, for Savold to make a fight of it, he didn't have much luck. While everyone talked of the great fight Savold put up with Mauriello, he wasn't there when he met Bivins.

The original match was with Mauriello and Bivins, but for some unknown reason Savold was put in, and Tami Mauriello was matched with Lou Nova, with the winner of the Bivins-Savold bout.

Ed Bang of the Cleveland *News* and Larry Atkins, Cleveland matchmaker who put Cleveland on the fistic map, drew almost a sellout house for the *News* Christmas Fund Boxing show in which Sugar Robinson T.K.O.'d Izzy Jannazzo in the eighth round. Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati showed the Cleveland fans a good fighter, when he pounded out a win over the much heavier Joey Maxim in ten rounds. Although Maxim was beaten, while he fought a losing fight, he fought a good one, and deserves a lot of credit, the way he tried until the final gong. It was a thrilling affair throughout.

Harry Bobo won by a kayo in the first round when he crossed a right hand to Larry Lane's chin. Lane did not get up in time and was counted out.

Bobby Richardson, classy Cleveland welterweight, was the victim of a bad break when he met Maxie Berger in an eight rounder. Richardson lost three rounds for low punching, of which only one round should have been taken away from him. Referee Vito Mazzeo did see one low punch and he thought the others were low, but all the newspapermen and fans thought otherwise. Berger also punched low on two occasions, but did not lose the round and in the eighth Berger butted young Bobby and Mr. Mazzeo, the referee, did nothing about it.

The 12,190 fans booed for some ten minutes when the decision was given to Berger. This was Richardson's seventh pro fight and his first loss. They are talking about a rematch. Well the match is hot, with more talk going on about that fight than any other.

Joey Pirrone never looked better when he knocked out Dick Cramer in the first round on the *News* Xmas show. Pirrone who will knock out a middleweight if he lands with that right hand, sure blasted Dick Cramer out of the picture in short order.

Lt. Lou Chesler, former Cleveland boxer, has returned home on furlough from Texas where he coached a boxing team.

Tubby Gardner, former crack amateur, stopped off in Cleveland from Camp Davis where he graduated from Officers' Training School. He is now a second lieutenant in Uncle Sam's Army.

Lt. Frankie Meyers of the U. S. Army Air Corps writes he has married. Frankie was well liked when boxing around Cleveland. He was a deadly right hand puncher. If he kayoes as many Japs as he did opponents, he will do his share, and we are betting he knocks out more.

Sonny Horne, Cleveland Golden Gloves champion from Niles, Ohio, who is going like a house on fire around New York, is married. Sonny is growing into a full fledged middleweight. He is now being trained by Ray Arcel, although George Sheppard is still doing his Eastern business while Matt McGowan is still his friend and manager.

Frankie Wallace is working in a defense plant and doing OK. Also Jimmy Vaughn, Tiger Brown, Mike Minnich, Harold Dettman, Walter Taylor, Mike Getz, Jimmy Avon, Tony Avon, Joe Sedely and a host of others. Pvt. Eddie Browne was in town for a few days. He was unable to stay for the Xmas Fund boxing show. Sammy Derrico is stationed with the Navy at Detroit. He was in town for a visit and boxed three rounds with his old rival, Jimmy Trusso, at Papke's Gym. Incidentally, Trusso is on 24 hours call. He enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard . . . Willie Gilzenberg had a great time while in Cleveland for the *News* show.

Harry Bobo looked very good after the long layoff . . . Larry Atkins and Ben Goetz have parted and it is now Promoter Bob Brickman and Matchmaker Larry Atkins . . Jackie Wilson of Cleveland, after a long layoff, went back into action with a win over Bernie Miller via the kayo route in eight rounds.

Send your notes to Sparky Rudolph, 415 Western Reserve Bldg., Cleveland, O.

DOINGS AT FORT RILEY

FORT RILEY continues to hold the spotlight in boxing. In no other camp in this country is boxing staged on so large a scale as at the Kansas reservation. With the officers in charge having boxing highly in mind, as is evidenced by the large number of RING Magazine subscriptions going to that post, the interest in the sport is at high pitch. In addition to individual instruction given the men, boxing tournaments have been staged regularly. One of the best teams at Fort Riley is the Ninth Armored Division combination, which is in high hopes of carrying off the fort's championship. The team consists of Ralph Guileford, 16th Armored F.A. Bn., lightweight; William Murphy, 89th Armored Recon. Bn., welterweight; Rubin Meyer, 3rd Armored F.A. Bn., senior welter; Joe Prigosky. 3rd Armored F.A. Bn., middleweight; Carl Wilcox, 3rd Armored F.A. Bn., light-heavyweight and L. A. Notovny, 3rd Armored F.A. Bn., heavyweight. Young Stuhley, former star pro, is the coach and trainer.

Assistant Special Service Officer Lt. James L. Drake has organized the 9th Armored team and on it he has seven regulars and five alternates. The team is composed of the winners and runners-up in the recent division boxing tournament and to keep the boys on edge, Lt. Drake has arranged a number of matches.

In Young Stuhley, Lt. Drake has an excellent trainer and teacher for the lads. Stuhley was a top-flight middleweight and welter in his best days and fought some of the outstanding men in those divisions, among them champions—Vince Dundee, Freddie Steele, Gorilla Jones, Al Hostak, Ken Overlin, Fred Apostoli and Gus Lesnevich.

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CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

MONTREAL'S boxing boom is on again—with the familiar names of Harry Hurst and Dave Castilloux back in the headlines. The appearance of these two great local boxers at the top of two different November shows in different rings, has boomed boxing interest. The shows staged by various units of the Armed Forces help to sustain the revived interest. A vital factor in this upsurge of local boxing interest is the entry of Max Alper in the promoters' field with his policy of high class shows in a small hall at popular prices. His first offering proved the soundness of his policy when a capacity attendance set a record gate of $1133.30 at the St. James Market Hall.

Harry Hurst, Maurice Foreman's sensational socker who brought back big gates to the Forum last year in his pair of thrilling duels with Dave Castilloux, was secured to headline Alper's inaugural presentation. This caused somewhat of a sensation for a highly rated fighter to appear in the small East End hall but it proved a smart enterprise as half the seats were sold in the advance sale. Hurst was opposed by Nick Melnick, the Navy's brilliant boy from Glace Bay, N. S., in the scheduled eight round main bout and the fans knew it was a match as Melnick had shown impressive form whipping Rene Lefebvre, local soldier middle, a few weeks previously on the Victor Loan card at the Forum.

For two and a half rounds Melnick fought a smart, cagy battle with Hurst and it looked as though they were liable to go the route, opening up more and more as they went along. However, in the middle of the third heat, Melnick got a little careless and Hurst whipped a sizzling left hook that traveled about a foot right through to the jaw and, as Melnick was falling, a crushing, follow-up right smashed against his temple. At the count of six Melnick started to rise, likely by instinct, but collapsed. The startling suddenness of the finish stunned the fans somewhat too.

Melnick had a 10 pound pull in the weights, less than expected, however, as he was more than five pounds lighter than for his bout with Lefebvre, whom he trounced on less than a week's training after a lengthy layoff. Hurst impressed as being a more dynamic ringman than ever, seems more powerful and fiery and hitting even harder than he ever did. Being an R.C.A.F. corporal certainly hasn't affected his ring prowess and the fans are already talking up another Hurst tilt with Castilloux.

The semi-final six rounder furnished a surprise result with Gerard Vachon, Drummondville middle, eking out a close decision over Al Evans, his flashy colored rival who was fresh from giving away 14 pounds and an artistic lacing to Sam Gibbs' light-heavy protege, Leo Maher. Vachon and Evans had split honors in two previous clashes so this meeting was a "natural."

In probably the best fight of the night, Johnny Tousignant, blond local lightweight, knocked out Leo Methot in the fifth of a scheduled six rounder. It was a ding-dong battle with Tousignant having the edge and when Methot was floored he got confused with the count and got up just too late. Tousignant campaigned in New York for a while last summer under the name of Johnny Price. In another scheduled six rounder, Camille Gosselin, best of the local featherweights, subbed for Louis Alter against Marcel Fournier and stopped him in the second round. Fournier claimed a foul however and later exhibited a bruise below the hip-bone.

Maurice Foreman's young proteges, Jerry Coursol and Louis O'Connor, came through with flying colors. Coursol needed just two punches to knock out Yvon Cote, a much more experienced performer, in the first of a scheduled six while the baby-faced "Lulu" boxed like a veteran to score brilliantly over his heavier and more experienced rival, Roland St. Georges, in the four round opener. O'Connor weighed only 105 pounds against his flyweight opponent. It was a good show that made the fans regular patrons for Alper's future offerings.

We were too late with our notes for the last issue so will tell you about the fine Victory Loan show staged at the Forum. Eddie Quinn, who has done wonders in his role of wrestling promoter at the Forum, was drafted by the committee in charge to be matchmaker for the event. He was ably assisted by Jimmy McKimmie and Pit Audette, amongst others, and the gate almost hit the $14,000 mark.

Twelve bouts were scheduled but two fell through at the last minute, which was just as well, as it was well after midnight when the show was over. Dave Castilloux defended his Canadian welter title against Al Lust, Calgary cowboy, in the 12 round headliner with a supporting card of two six rounders and seven four rounders. The affair was a big success with over $10,000 being turned over to the Benevolent Funds of the four branches of the armed forces.

Castilloux gave one of his typical displays to score convincingly over Lust, a gallant youngster who is sadly lacking in experience. The Westerner is a better fighter than he looked as the ringwise champ generally makes opponents look bad. Castilloux surprised Lust, and the fans, by flooring Al with a short left hook in the first round and duplicating it near the finish. Lust's best round was the fifth, the only heat he won, but for the most part he was outmaneuvered quite thoroughly.

All of the bouts were inter-service battles. Castilloux is in the Air Force and Lust in the Army. Sammy Jacobs, Navy lightweight, gave a brilliant display in trouncing Jean Barriere, his Army rival from Quebec, in a six rounder, surprising with his punching power in flooring Barriere several times. Two-fisted Jerry Shears and Mac Plotkin, a pair of Army bantams, staged a keen battle in the other six rounder with Shears winning on his superior speed and aggressiveness. In the best of the four rounders, Nick Melnick, Navy, outboxed and outpunched Rene Lefebvre, soldier middle.

STRAY SHOTS—Wilfe Shanks has been going well in the States. The young Montreal middleweight has been winning practically all of his fights and such boys as Danny Faver, Andy Fowler, and Freddie Graham are among his victims. He drew with Faver in their first meeting then got off the floor twice in the first round in their second clash to outpunch and outbox him the rest of the way. It takes the right stuff to do that. Promoter Max Alper is interested in showing him in Montreal again . . . . Wilfe's big brother, Oliver Shanks, may stage a comeback among the heavyweights soon.

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LAS VEGAS, NEV.
By JACK ROACH

LEW JENKINS, 144, former lightweight champion, opened the indoor boxing season in the Elks' Helldorado Hall, at Las Vegas by scoring a two round K. O. over Chato Gonzales, 148, lightweight champ of Mexico, on Wednesday, November 18.

After flooring the Mexican champ in the first with a vicious left, Jenkins was forced to call on all his reserve strength to stave off the boy from Mexico until the round ended. Coming out for the second round, he lost little time in going to work on Gonzales and with a lightning right, caught his man flush on the chin to end the fight. Needless to say Gonzales was carried to his corner after Referee Earl Corbett tolled the last ten.

The eight round semifinal stole the thunder of the show, when Jackie Leonard, 149, Las Vegas welterweight, won the unanimous decision of the judges over the game Kenny Reed, 147. Leonard displayed a masterful piece of boxing to beat Reed, popular Las Vegas favorite, who has given the fans here some of the best main events ever staged in the desert city. His only reverse in 12 fights before this one, was by Punchin' Paul Altman of Texas and that was by no means easy pickings for Paul. Leonard put himself in the running for some good shots by beating Reed, as Reed is considered a pretty tough boy to beat in these parts, and has upset some good prospects from the Coast.

Manuel Azteca, 131, of Texas, and stablemate of Lew Jenkins, proved too tough for Ray Marino, 133, of Los Angeles, after standing toe to toe for two rounds, and throwing punches from every angle. Azteca nailed Marino with a terrific left hook to drop Ray for an eight count, but through sheer instinct, Marino came back for more, only to be floored again after which the referee stopped the fight and awarded Azteca the bout on a T.K.O. in the fourth.

Milo Santa Cruz, 140, Las Vegas, toyed with Rocky Mudongo, 138, Los Angeles, for two rounds, then stopped Mudongo in the third.

On November 25 Matchmaker Jerry Thompson put on another fine card of fights for the American Legion in Las Vegas, at the Elks' Helldorado Dance Hall. In the 10 round main event, Jackie Leonard, 150, of Las Vegas won the unanimous decision of referee and judges over Buddy Campo, 148, of Los Angeles. After flooring Campo with a hard right in the first, Leonard displayed plenty of class to score in every round.

In the eight round semifinal Bernie Cardenas, 158, of Riverside, Cal., and Moe Hammond, 160, Las Vegas, put on a nice six brawl. Both threw caution to the wind. They pummelled each other for the entire eight rounds, but Cardenas caught the eye of the judges and referee to eke out a very close decision.

In the six round special, Milo Santa Cruz, 140, Las Vegas, carried too much heft in his punches for Eddie Ortega, 148, Los Angeles. After Ortega was floored in the second and third rounds, his handlers decided he had had enough. He was stopped in the third.

The four round opener lasted only two rounds. Phil Calzada, 154, Los Angeles, needed only that long to convince Howard Rodondo, 160, Las Vegas, that he had had enough, Calzada winning via T.K.O.

Jackie Leonard, Las Vegas welterweight, ran into one of those hometown decisions in Juarez, Mexico, on December 1, when they handed Kid Mexico, local favorite, a 10 round verdict over him. The fans booed Leonard lustily. Leonard floored the boy from across the border in the eighth to prove himself the better man but still couldn't swing the decision in his favor. Promoter Jimmy Erwin of El Paso, Texas, staged the show.

CONNECTICUT NEWS
By DON HAMILL

WILLIE PEP is the third Connecticut featherweight to rise to championship heights. On the night of November 20 Pep lifted the crown off the head of Chalky Wright in Madison Square Garden. In doing so, Pep followed in the footsteps of Louis (Kid) Kaplan and Bat Battalino, other Nutmeggers who had worn the same purple robes. Willie boxed cautiously for the first four rounds when Wright caught up with him and gave him a couple of stormy sessions in the fifth and seventh rounds. Willie came down the stretch in the last six rounds to win in typical Willie Pep fashion.

Hartford—Auditorium—Richie Lemos, 135, former N.B.A. featherweight champion, won a ten round decision over Georgie Zengaras, 135, New York, before a small crowd. A wind and rain storm kept a good number away. Zengaras suffered a hand injury in the second round and fought a one-handed fight the rest of the way. A pair of colored boys, Al Jolson, 140, New Orleans, and Joe Gillis, 139, Springfield, stole the show with a sizzling six rounder. Jolson won the decision in a six rounder. Anders Anderson, 157, New London Sub Base, looked good in kayoing Lou Montiero, 158, Hartford, in the third round. Jeff Benton, 127, East Hartford, turned pro with a one round kayo over Joe Turrio, 130, Hartford. One bout was cancelled when Speedball Robinson was ruled out by the commission because of a great difference in weight. His scheduled opponent refused to meet substitute Willie Roache.

New Haven—Arena—Johnny Compo, 130, New Haven, came through with a ten round win over Henry Vasquez, 132, Spain, to redeem himself after a poor showing against Bobby Root. Compo was the aggressor throughout. Whistlin' Willie Roache, 130, Wilmington, Del., banged out a one round knockout over Domingo Diaz, 126, Los Angeles, in the semi-final. Georgie Fitch, 199, New Haven, stopped Steve Callucci, 205, Phillipsburgh, N. J., in the second round. In another six, Frankie Young punched out a win over Sylvester Pfeiffer, 155, New York. Young, a local fighter, scaled 150. Anders Anderson, 155, New London Sub Base, received the nod over Eddie Robinson, 156, New Haven, in the four round curtain raiser.

Waterbury—Buckingham Hall—Referee Dan Buckley's decision in favor of Mike Belloise, 132, New York, over Tommy Ciarlo, 135, Waterbury, was met with a lot of boos. Most of the fans didn't believe that Belloise's two round rally was not enough to offset Ciarlo's lead in their eight rounder. Kid Yanbo, 128, Panama, made his local debut by taking Mexican Joey Silva, 131, Los Angeles, into stride in a six rounder. Ray Valarde, 145, Los Angeles, scored a technical knockout over Tom Collins, 142, Waterbury, in the fourth round of another six. Ace Snow, 149, Waterbury, and Billy Baker, 149, another local product, drew in a four rounder. Jackie Lynch, 129½, New Orleans, outpointed Pete Freeman, 131, Waterbury, in the opener.

Verne Patterson, Chicago middleweight, who is now making his home in Hartford, proved that his ten round victory over Saverio Turiello in Providence a few weeks back was no fluke by repeating in a more convincing fashion in the same city. Patterson looks very good. A pair of Hartford fighters, Johnny Duke and Danny Williams, scored knockouts on the undercard over Tony Bellino and Oscar Suggs respectively . . . . George Red Doty, another Hartford welterweight who has been going great guns of late, missed his big chance. He had been matched with Al (Bummy) Davis in Boston and was giving him a good going over for seven rounds. His arm became weary from blocking Davis' terrific left hooks, Doty allowed Davis to get inside which spelled finish for the Hartford red-head.

Bobby (Poison) Ivy was feted at a testimonial dinner held at the Hotel Bond in Hartford following his announcement of his retirement. Ivy, who has been one of the ranking featherweights for some time, fought a draw with Lulu Costantino in his last fight. Nat Fleischer afforded the entertainment with fight pictures of the Dempsey-Willard fight and the second Louis-Schmeling bout. Al Schacht, famed baseball comedian, was also one of the entertainers. About 450 people attended. Ivy is now employed in a defense plant. He is married and the father of two lovely girls. Those wishing information on boxing in this section write to Don Hamill, 250 Saybrooke St., Hartford, Conn.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

BOXING will be revived in St. Paul this winter under the auspices of Christie De Parcq American Legion post which acquired the franchise formerly held by Harry Lennon. James Waters, secretary, announced that the new franchise will permit both professional and amateur cards. Billy Colbert, who worked as matchmaker for Harry Lennon, will be the matchmaker for the new boxing club. Larry Goodman, St. Paul, is chairman, Mark Haywood is secretary and Con Toomey is treasurer.

Tom Sperling, N. W. Golden Gloves champion, was home on a furlough and is now stationed at the Radio School in Goodfellow Field, Texas.

Bob Van Drake, St. Paul heavyweight and former sparring partner of Lee Savold, received his commission. He is a second lieutenant in the Anti-Aircraft Forces at Fort Bliss, Texas. Bob boxed around the northwest five or six years ago and had more than fifty fights and was never knocked out.

Jack Jersey, St. Paul heavyweight, who is six feet, four inches tall and weighs 210, is in the Navy and stationed at New York. In the Navy tournament Jack scored four straight knockouts and won the heavyweight title. Jack boxed all the leading heavyweights around the Twin Cities including Lee Savold, Russ Wasser, Johnny Hanschen, Jack Gibbons, Johnny Paychek and Arne Anderson. Anderson is a seaman, first class.

Johnny Smith, St. Paul, newest amateur featherweight sensation was on the Minneapolis Athletic Club boxing show honoring the Gopher coaching staff. After beating Johnny Ryan he went into the Navy.

Billy Kane, 19, of Minneapolis won the Novice Welterweight Championship at the De LaSalle Gym. The kid looks like a comer. His father, Earl Kane, former boxer, engaged in 29 fights and managed such fighters as Jackie Sharkey, Pal Moore, Johnny De Otis.

Johnny Sokol, one of the best referees in Minnesota, did quite a bit of boxing in his day. He engaged in 118 professional bouts and met such boys as Rocky Kansas, Marty McCue, Johnny Tillman and all the leading featherweights and lightweights.

Kelly Ward, who is stationed at Sheepshead Bay in New York with the Maritime Service, was made an assistant to Arthur Donovan who heads the athletic department.

Send your news for this column to Billy Colbert, Hamm Building, St. Paul, Minn., before the fifth of the month.

Don Brouillard, the fighting middleweight, now at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, writes that he is in the thick of the fighting and likes it. In the same company with Don is Lou Brouillard the former middleweight and light-heavyweight from the New England states.

Don't forget to subscribe to THE RING and send it to the boys in the service.

Johnny Dragisch, now in the Coast Guard in Nova Scotia, writes that THE RING is sold out as soon as they put it on sale in most every town he tries to buy it in. Johnny has been in the service over eight months.

Howard Bliehl, Northwest Golden Gloves welterweight champion from Madison, Minn., is now at Camp Hahn, California.

Ed Neusinger, Willmar, Minn., featherweight and Bob Engel, N. W. Golden Glovers, are at the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla.

Pvt. Charley Milkes, Minneapolis program and fight manager, is now stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Frankie Wolinski, former N. W. Golden Gloves featherweight champion, is a lieutenant in the Air Force in California.

Sgt. Karl Malm, heavyweight, from Park Rapids, Minn., is now the heavyweight boxing king at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Russ Wasser, former heavyweight boxer and now employed by Uncle Sam as a staff sergeant, was home on a furlough. Augie Ratner, featherweight, is now at Fort Snelling. Sergeant Joe Fleigel, Minneapolis, was home from Seattle on furlough.

Corp. Don Rielly, former Golden Glover, writes from a foreign port and is feeling fine. His brother, Johnny, is in the Maritime Service and is located at Sheepshead Bay. Kelly Ward is there too.

Jackie Sharkey, former Minneapolis featherweight boxer of note, is a private with the A. A. F. Bombardiers in Texas.

Herb Kroeten, N. W. Golden Glove welter champ, and Herb and Ray Chisholm, Minneapolis, are boxing instructors in Jack Dempsey's New York Coast Guard conditioning program.

More than 500 members of the Minneapolis Athletic Club cheered Lloyd Harder, 126, as he scored a decision over Homer Van Cleve, 129, Mankato, in the feature boxing match of the club's twenty-seventh football dinner for the Minnesota coaching staff. The battling throughout eight matches was brisk.

Pat Sheehy, Minneapolis, Minn., 126, decisioned Joe Mastrian, 126, Minneapolis; Roger La Counte, Minneapolis, Minn., 195, decisioned Bill Luff, St. Paul, 198; John McGraw, Naval Base, Fort Snelling, 150, defeated Herman Omdahl, 150, St. Paul; Bert Grande, Minneapolis, 151, won over Bob Sandwick, Minneapolis, 148; Lloyd Walker, Minneapolis, 122, knocked out Bill Walsh, St. Paul, 122, in the first round; Johnny Smith, St. Paul, 126, defeated Johnny Ryan, Minneapolis, 128; Mike Bolnick, 105, Minneapolis, won over John Stylski, 107 pounds.

Carl Leonard, who boxed around the northwest 20 years ago, is a sergeant in the Army at Fort Stevens, Oregon.

Buddy Schorr, Minneapolis welterweight, is the champion welter at Fort Stevens, Oregon, in the Coast Guard.

IN VANCOUVER
By JIM JOHNSTON

Costello Cruz, sharpshooting switch hitter from Santa Barbara, Cal., scored a two round K. O. over Leo Turner of Portland in the main event at Portland's Civic Auditorium November 20th.

Cruz, who outpointed the Negro a month ago in a torrid melee in the same ring, caught Turner with a thundering right hand to drop him.

In the semi-windup Ernie Nordman, who fought Lou Nova several weeks ago, kayoed Keller Wagner of Salem, Oregon, in the second. Nordman weighed 192, Wagner 186.

Orv Teetler, 143, Chattanooga, Tennessee, kayoed Tommy Gray, 145, Portland, in the first round.

Amateur boxing came back with a bang at the V. A. C. Gym November 20th when 1500 fans were treated to a bangup card.

In the main event, Nino Barchiello outboxed Jimmy Fillipone to take the decision. A good left hand which he kept in Jimmy's face won for Nino.

The best battle of the evening was put on by a pair of welters Bus Lindsay and Roy Burnell, Burnell taking the decision.

There was never a dull moment in this battle.

In another welterweight contest, Frenchy Dillo, of the Air Force took the call over Billy Wallace.

OTHER RESULTS: Hank Egili decisioned Tom Brown in three; Larry Krangle whipped Gord Mortimer in three; Leon Perrot stopped Kerley Ross in the second; Emery Ramsay kayoed Harry Smith in the first. Little Dempsey beat Ray Ramsay in the opener.

Another amateur card was held November 27. Roy Burnell of the Air Force decisioned Gordie Miller of the Junior G Men club in the feature event. Burnell used his superior experience to good advantage and although outfought in the first two rounds, he came back with a sensational rally to cop the duke.

Hank Egili and Bob Johnston, both of the Air Force, battled to a three round draw as did Ronnie Whalley and Gerry Pittao.

Jack Preston, was given a draw in his bout with Norm Hilton although Jack had much the better of the going. Preston floored his man twice.

Art Wilson was given the decision over Jackie Mellor in a spirited three round fray.

Fred Zimmerman, Ted Moore's heavyweight protege won as he pleased over Russ Gatze in an exhibition.

Henry Armstrong, former holder of the feather, light, and welterweight title continued on the comeback trail by scoring an eight round kayo over former lightweight champion Lew Jenkins. Armstrong weighed 144, to 143½ for Jenkins.

In the semi-windup, Powder Proctor, 162, Portland Negro, returned to the ring after a long layoff to kayo Lefty Abbott, 162, Bellingham, in the fourth of a scheduled six round bout.

Eddie Marcus, classy welter from Los Angeles, Calif., was awarded the decision over Pte. Al Lust, of Medicine Hat, in a 12 round bout at Calgary, December 4th.

Emil Lust defeated Mushy Callahan in 8 rounds in the semi-final. Sammy Kline of Calgary and Jimmy O'Grylo also of Calgary battled to a four round draw.

FIGHT HIGHLIGHTS: Al Delaney, heavyweight champ of Canada, has joined the army . . . Kenny Lindsay is soon to go in the navy . . . Johnny Greco, Abe Elkin's ace lightweight, also has joined . . . In his last fight as a civilian, he kayoed Al Dolce in two heats . . . Ted Moore is to make a comeback as a promoter.

Vancouver had only three pro fight cards this year, with Kenny Lindsay headlining each.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY E. WINKLER

MY California ratings may need some explanation, so that the listings might be received without any thought of partiality entering the reader's mind. This explanation is probably due because some prominent California boxers' names have been omitted, while others have been rated, although they haven't tought for months, being in the services of Uncle Sam.

Regarding those in our armed forces, their state titles and ratings should be "frozen," just as are the world titles, therefore such California boxers as Pat Valentino, Jackie Wilson and Ray Lunny are given their rightful rating. However, all three have engaged in contests in California during the past year.

Names of some California boxers are missing from the 1942 ratings because they have not engaged in any contests in this state during the year. Most prominent of these are Buddy Baer, Lou Nova, Fred Apostoli, Big Boy Bray and Sonny Boy Walker.

Our heavyweight division offers the most fertile field for argument. Supporters of Bob Brown, Tim Hefferman, Hal Fieberling or Tiny Bosnich may feel that their favorite should be listed in preference to George Giambastiani, as all are of about equal ability. However, Giambastiani defeated Brown, and I believe that the Negro heavy could win over any of the others.

In spite of the fact that our State Athletic Commission recognizes Johnny (Bandit) Romero as state light-heavy champion, I have listed him third because Jack Coggins' win over him was much more decisive than his victory over Coggins. And I believe that Lloyd Marshall could defeat either quite handily.

Costello Cruz was nosed out of the middleweight division by Bobby Birch, whose showings against Eddie Booker and Jack Chase were a bit better than the less experienced Cruz.

I had to crowd out such good welters as Red Green, Jimmy Garrison and Cecil Hudson in rating the 147-pounders, for there are as many as six of them of about equal ability and a single performance made the difference in their standing at this writing.

It may surprise some that the nationally rated Richie Lemos and Cleo Shans are missing from my ratings, but there are some good lightweights in California and those whom I have listed have already proven their superiority over the above mentioned boxers, who are doing so well in the East. Both Juan Zurita and George Latka made Lemos look like an amateur, and John Thomas experienced little trouble in beating Shans.

Costello Cruz should be convinced that Jack Chase is his master inside the roped square, having been defeated for the third time by the shifty Negro in ten-rounders at the Hollywood Stadium on November 6. This last clash was very much like the other contests, hard fought, interesting and not one-sided, even though Chase's win was not questioned. The colored boxer's margin was very thin going into the eighth round, but in this frame Chase hung a few rights on the Mexican's jaw that almost floored him, and those punches, with a few others to the body which many thought were a bit low, robbed Cruz of his pep for the remaining rounds. Chase weighed 154; Cruz, 158.

In the six-round semi, Ad Alonzo, 148, staged a fast finish to get the duke over Sammy Walker, 147. In remaining prelims, Chester Ellis, 128, Kansas City, decisioned Tino Ascasio, 127 (4); Chito Hernandez, 137, won over Al Guidry, 138 (4); Frankie Valdez, 160, beat Willie Collins, 155, in a slow one (4); and Frankie Wolgast, 132, stopped Teddy Guerrero, 130, in the third.

John Thomas, brilliant Negro lightweight of Los Angeles, checked the ambitions of his young neighbor, Jimmy Doyle, in an eight-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium. Thomas weighed 133; Doyle, 138.

Gene Valenzuela, 140, stopped Art Rojo, 143, in the fourth round of the semi. In remaining bouts, Willie Collins, 158, polished off Lou Robles, 163, in the third; Allen Arnette, 169, K.O.'ed Larry Martin, 163, in the second, while Johnny Amado, 135, and Manuel Villa, 136, went to a draw in the opener.

Charley Burley, that good Negro middleweight now boxing out of Minneapolis, certainly doesn't stall around with inferior opponents. Burley knew that Cecilio Lozada of Mexico had no business being in the same ring with him and he wasted little time disposing of the Mexican southpaw. In this mismatch, staged at the San Diego Coliseum, Burley started punching with the opening bell, and the gong ending the first round found the Mexican on the floor. However, he came out fighting in the second, but was soon dropped with a right to the jaw. He arose in a wobbly condition to be felled for the third time by a terrific right uppercut, and Referee Joe Stone considered it enough. Burley weighed 156; Lozada, 153.

Vincent Villavicencio, Tia Juana, K.O.'ed Kid Lester, New Orleans, in the third round of the semi-windup. Lester was terribly out of condition.

Maurice Woods, San Diego, stopped Quentin Rangel, Mexico, in the second; Jorge Ortega, Tia Juana, chilled Tony Osuna, Mexicali, in the first; Larry Allen, National City, put the sleeper on Dell Edwards, San Diego, in two.

Juan Zurita couldn't stave off the relentless, two-fisted attack of Henry Armstrong, but the Mexican lightweight champ will take care of any of Henry's imitators. Chester Slider of Fresno is a Negro who copies the stance and tactics of Armstrong and he used this busy style of milling for the full ten rounds against the Mexican ace at the Hollywood Stadium. However, although Slider's busy offensive did keep Juan from doing his home work or chatting with Lupe Velez during the action, it netted Chester but two of the ten rounds, and even those two heats were practically handed to him by his opponent, as Zurita appeared to be merely coasting in the last two rounds. Zurita weighed 135; Slider, 142.

In the six-round semi, Matt Oglesby, 139, upset the dope by handing Bobby Yaeger a bad beating. Yaeger, weighing but 136, appears to need a rest and some added weight. He was sluggish and stale.

Results of the four-rounders: Chuckie Garcia decisioned Tino Ascasio, Jimmy Smith and Chris Vergis went to a draw, Chester Ellis defeated Frankie Wolgast, and Al Sanchez won over Torpedo Reed.

Tommy Garland, Culver City's Golden Boy, and Bob Ford of Arizona fought a six-round draw at the Ocean Park Arena on November 23. Garland weighed 177; Ford, 180.

In other bouts, Willie Collins, 156, stopped Sebastian Gonzales, 152, in the third; Jimmy Meadows, 147, decisioned Chris Vergis, 150 (4); Benny Black, 133, defeated Willie Scott, 130 (4); Benny Dodrill, 148, won over Ray Paddock, 152 (4); and Frankie Reposa, 124, decisioned Bobby Allen, 130.

Archie Moore, San Diego's bid for the middleweight title, handed Jack Chase the first defeat suffered by the former Denver Negro since his arrival in California over a year ago. However, Chase gave a well-filled San Diego Coliseum crowd a run for their money by copping three of the ten rounds in an exchange of hard punches. Moore forced the fight most of the way, but fought in his usual cool, deliberate way.

Chase was dropped in the second by a right to the jaw, and suffered a cut eye in the seventh, and receipted for quite a pasting in the last three rounds. Moore weighed 158; Chase, 154.

In the semi-final, Vincent Villavicencio, Tia Juana, pounded out a win over Alonzo Williams, Los Angeles, in eight rounds. The Mexican was felled in the second, but dropped Williams in the eighth and had the Negro on dizzy street at the final bell.

In the fours, Ray Mackey, Riverside, decisioned Quentin Rangel, Tia Juana; Ceferino Robleto, Pasadena, K.O.'ed Roy Salazar, Riverside, in the first, and Jorge Ortega, Tia Juana, stopped Mickey Moran, Los Angeles, in the first.

Rudolfo Ramirez, Mexico's handsome welterweight, was much too good for Jimmy McDaniels and gave the game Irishman an artistic lacing in their ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Rudolfo dropped only the first two rounds, seemingly trying to find out what McDaniels had that enabled him to whip Jimmy Garrison a few weeks previous. After discovering that he could outbox, outsmart and outpunch his Irish foe, Ramirez went to work and pasted Jimmy something awful for the next eight rounds.

In the semi, Sammy Walker, 145, won an uninteresting six-round decision over Ad Alonzo, 149, having the Mexican down in the fourth. Alonzo's performance was so bad that he was suspended by the commission.

In remaining bouts, Acey Haynesworth, 167, decisioned Joe Cousins, 167, in four; Al Sanchez, 135, won over Pancho Perez, 132, in four; Bob Guess, 159, whipped Ray Paddock, 157, in four, while Buddy Spencer, 122, and Paul Guerrero, 121, boxed to a draw in the opener.

Bobby Yaeger copped six of the eight rounds in winning over Lupe Gonzales of Mexico at the Los Angeles Olympic on November 24. The Mexican belted Bobby plenty in the third when he carried the fight to his chocolate-hued opponent, and he held Yaeger even in the fifth. Yaeger weighed only 134, too low a weight for his frame. Gonzales tipped the scales at 136.

Results of remaining bouts: Chuckie Garcia, 132, K.O.'ed Babe Antuna in the second; Darrio Barron, 139, decisioned Frankie Antuna, 142, in four; Don Lemos, 137, defeated Al Gonzales (4); Orville Young, 126, and Teddy Guerrero, 130, boxed to a draw.

The colored boxers top the field in California fistic ranks these days. Of the thirty-five boxers listed in my 1942 ratings, fourteen of them are Negroes. They are exceptionally good fighters. In fact, no less than six of them rate with the best in the world.

Tommy Garland, 175, Culver City, and Acey Haynesworth, 168, Los Angeles, fought six rounds at the Ocean Park Arena. The referee called it a draw, but the fans saw Garland win but two of the six heats and figured that Tommy was receiving his Christmas gift a little early this season.

In other bouts, Darrio Barron, 138, decisioned Don Lemos, 137 (4); Curt Carrico, 175, K.O.'ed Larry Martin, 173 (2); Torpedo Reed, 135, defeated Art Rojo, 137 (4); Benny Dodrill, 140, went to a technical draw with Jimmy Smith, 14(2); Benny Black, 133, and Bobby Allen, 13boxed a draw.

Archie Moore, looking as good as before his six months' illness, made short work of Tabl Romero, Phoenix, Ariz., in their scheduled ten rounder at the San Diego Coliseum on Novem ber 6. The hard-hitting Negro put the Mexican southpaw in the Land of Oz for thirty second with a terrific right to the jaw early in the secon round. Moore weighed 159; Romero, 160.

Other results: Art Gonzales, San Diego, K.O.'e Quentin Rangel, Tia Juana, in the fourth of th scheduled eight-round semi-windup; Luis Alvare Mexico, decisioned Ray Mackey, Riverside, i four; Lou Borders, Riverside, defeated O'De Edwards, San Diego, in four, and Angel Lope San Diego, won over Bobby Hernandez, Tia Juan in four.

Max Hutchins was reading his Bible in th dressing-room of the Los Angeles Olympic. Traine Duke Holloway informed him that it was time t enter the ring against Sebastian Gonzales of Mex ico. Hutchins laid down his Bible, climbed through the ropes, knocked the Mexican colder than a lan lord's heart, returned to the dressing-room an continued reading his Bible.

Hutchins first dropped Gonzales for five second with a stiff right to the jaw, landed a couple mor rights on the retreating Aztec, then dropped hi on his face with a murderous uppercut. Hutchin weighed 154; Gonzales, 152.

Genero Rojo, 141, won a close decision ove Matt Oglesby, 139, in the six-round semi. Ro came from behind to drop the Negro for nine i the third and to dizzy him up in the final round after Oglesby had punched the Mexican silly i the first, second and fourth rounds.

Vincent Villavicencio, 151, Mexico, copped th nod over Harry Mills, 149, of Kansas City, in fast, hotly contested five-round special event.

Louie Wise, 165, decisioned Acey Haynesworth 165, in a five-round slugfest and Manuel Azteca 135, Texas, beat Al Guidry, 137, in four.

Carlos Chavez, state featherweight champ pounded out a one-sided victory over Donnie Mas former Denver cutie, in a ten-rounder at the Holly wood Stadium. Unlike their two previous meetings this one was hardly a contest, for Carlos ha improved, while Donnie has been too inactive i recent months to be at his best. Chavez hit th little shipbuilder with everything in the book, an then appeared to deliberately ease up on his bad beaten opponent in a couple of the rounds. Chave weighed 126; Maes, 127.

Billy Hale, 126, decisioned Chester Ellis, 12 Kansas City, in the six-round semi-windup.

In other prelims, Terry Gibson, 146, defeate Harry Mills, 149, Kansas City (4); Chuckie Gar cia, 132, scored a T.K.O. over Jack Haley, 12 (3); Torpedo Reed, 134, won over Manuel Villa 133 (4); Paul Guerrero, 120, and Jose Tovar, 12 fought a draw (4).

Jim Lee, 205, and Hardy Williams, 206, a couple of huge black boys of Los Angeles, wer featured in a six-rounder at the Ocean Par Arena. Lee was the winner.

In other bouts: Al Gonzales, 136, decisione Jimmy Frattini, 136; Al Sanchez, 135, beste Johnny Hernandez, 136; Bobby Innes, 145, score a T.K.O. over Al Morey, 141; Jack Bower, 16 K.O.'ed Jimmy Walsh, 160, and Benny Dodril 147, won from Ray Paddock, 147.

Jack Chase experienced little difficulty in chal ing up a win over Amado Rodriguez of Mexic at San Diego, although the clever Negro did hav to travel the full ten rounds, and I do mean trave for the Mexican backpedaled plenty.

Other results: Darrio Barron, 143, decisione Luis Alvarez, 144, in four; Joe Keyes, 153, wo a brawl from Alonzo Williams, 147; Frankie Wo gast, 132, defeated Roscoe Dandy, 135; Ceferin Robleto, 120, K.O.'ed Jose Tovar, 120, in th opening round, and Frankie Antuna, 136, beste Teddy Guerrero, 131.

Chuck Railey, 137, Riverside, pulled an upse by stopping Lupe Gonzales, 137, Mexico, in three rounds at the San Diego Coliseum. Gonzales, 4-to-1 shot, easily outboxed the Negro for tw rounds, but early in the third, he was floored wit a right to the jaw. Lupe climbed off the canva three times to be kissed by this same right t the whiskers, and on the fourth down he wa tolled out.

Jack Bowers, San Diego, decisioned Will Wright, San Luis Obispo, in a dull eight-roun semi.

Results of the other four-rounders: Maurice Woods, San Diego, and Joe Keyes, Houston, Tex slugged to a draw; Sebastian Gonzales, Mexico defeated Kid Lester, New Orleans, and Jorge Ortega, Mexico, won from Bill Minor, S. D.

LEST I FORGET—I am very grateful for th letters I have received regarding this column b ing missed last month. I really didn't think it would even be noticed by so many . . . . Your truly has been under the weather and is not hittin on all four, even yet. Some of the California figh are not recorded in this report as a result.

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MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON
By NATE PHILLIPS

THE CENTURY A. C. presented a return match showing Lou Brooks and Tony Musto and this time it was over the twelve-round route. In their previous bout Brooks had won a split decision at the end of the ten rounds, and this time Lou won the unanimous verdict.

At the start Brooks let a right hand go that rocked Musto to his heels. For the next three rounds Musto was the master with his infighting. In the seventh a hard right sent Musto down for no count, and again in the ninth, Musto was down for the count of nine. This was the greatest heavyweight battle seen here in Baltimore in some time.

In sixes, Jessie Moraney was the victor over Pete Geno via a T.K.O. at the end of the fifth round, when the doctor ordered the fight stopped on account of severe cuts, that Geno had sustained. Johnny Finazzo and Howard Bennett hooked up for the third and rubber match and this time Bennett won the duke after a hard-fought battle. Sergt. Todd Cole won over Dan Biggers in another slugfest. In the opening four Ed. Melnick reversed a former defeat by winning over Lee Rosen. Brooks 184, Musto 196½. This show paid off on five thousand dollars.

At the Century A.C., Lee Savold stopped Corp. John Kapovich. After a slow first round, in which Johnny showed to advantage, Lee went to work in the second and after a few flurries, a hard right sent Johnny down for the count.

The semi final set for six heats, saw Billy Carrigan the winner over Al Cortez. In another six, Howard Bennett showed his class when he was declared the winner over Johnny Finazzo. In a third six, Nick Kirsch and Deacon Johnny Brown fought a draw. Vince DiPaula won over Eddie Melnick in the four round opener.

With champions being made for the duration, Baltimore staged one of its own, with Big Boy Brown and Lou Brooks hooked up over the fifteen round route for Maryland's version of the heavyweight championship of the world for the duration. Brown scaled 243 and Brooks 185½. This was attended by one of the largest indoor crowds seen here in sometime, with a gate that reached $10,000. Brown was declared the winner by a majority vote and the fans booed this decision lustily. In fact the betting gentry were laying three to one that Brooks had won, after the fight was over, and the announcer was gathering up the tally slips. But in the books it will go as a win for Brown and a defeat for Brooks regardless of how the fans took to this decision.

Jimmy Battling Monroe and a youngster named Johnny Shedler, hooked up in the semi. In the fourth, Shedler sustained a cut eye and the commission doctor ordered this contest halted with Monroe a winner via the T.K.O. route. Lee Rosen and Joe Dinefrio hooked up in a six round slugfest with Joe being called the winner. Frankie Martini and Kid Lewis hooked up in a sixer. Lewis injured his right hand in the second and continued to fight with only his left for the remaining four rounds. But Frankie was the winner. Sandy Mack stopped Joe Woodley in the fourth round of their four rounder.

The Century A. C. put on Billy White against Al Tribuani, and in this Al took an early lead only to have Billy catch up with him at the halfway mark. Then Billy took command and midway of the eighth a hard right floored Al. He was on queer street when the referee stepped in and gave the fight to White.

Lambertine Williams, also making a comeback, won a hard fought battle over Speedy Duvall in six. Lee Rosen and Mickey Lewis hooked up in a sixer and after a great fight Lee received the nod. Frankie Martini was a T.K.O. winner over Buck Welsh in the third. Sandy Mack looking mighty good won by a K.O. over Joe Woodley in the fourth of the opener.

The Century A. C. again presented a heavyweight show on December 7 featuring Tony Musto and Al Blake, and these two roughed and mauled through ten rounds with Tony finally breaking his local jinx. He received the duke over the ever-trying Blake. Lee Rosen and Joe Dinefrio met again in a sixer and again Joe was the victor in a great slugfest. Al Cortez and Johnny Finazzo fought a grueling six-rounder with Al having too much on the ball for the rough-and-ready Finazzo, and Cortez received the duke.

Lambertine Williams made good his assignment when he was an easy winner over Marty Gordon in a battle that had the fans cheering. Both bled freely in this slugfest but condition was a great factor with Williams the winner. The show opened up with Eddie Davis winning over Kid Lewis in a hard fought battle.

Joe Turner showed Al Bummy Davis and Felix Morales in the main go set for eight heats at Washington on November 9, and in the first round Al went to work and had Felix down with a series of head blows for the count of nine. Up came Morales and this time went down when Bummy opened up with both hands to the body. Up came Morales again, and again he went down to be counted out in 2.40 of the first session. This was Davis's third straight knockout in a local ring.

The semi final saw Charley Petro win over Kid Lewis in one of the best fights on the card. Brother Danny was also the victor of his sixer when he belted out Joe Woodley in the sixth with a hard right to the midriff. Lee Walker and Nick Kirsch put up a hectic battle for their six rounder with honors being called even at the end.

Leo Matriciani hooked up with Leon Ford for a six and at the end of this heavyweight brawl, this was called a draw. The opening four saw Bernie Cady win his third professional fight when he was declared the winner over Sandy Mack.

At Washington, on November 16, Lew Hanbury, fighting his first main go, looked mighty good when he was declared the winner over classy Billy Banks in eight rounds. Lew showed that reputations meant nothing to him when he carried the fight to his more experienced foe to win in handy style.

In the second eight rounder, Frankie Wills making his first start in some time, won over Stoney Lewis in a slam-bang affair. It showed that Frankie was in need of plenty of work, and most likely will be an opponent for Al Bummy Davis in the near future.

In a sixer, Nick Latsios belted out Buck Welsh with a hard right to the solar plexus in the first. Leon Kennedy was just as successful when he stopped Steve Campbell in the first. Bernie Caddy, still undefeated, won over Henry Mills in four. This show paid off on better than $1800, and it shows that the fans want action fights and not just names.

Joe Turner with the assistance of Lew Diamond, had Gene Johnson hook up with Joe Torres in the main go of ten rounds on November 23 and after a rough, and slam-bang battle, Gene was declared the winner. Clint Conway, after a long absence, hooked up with Buddy Komar in a scheduled sixer and when Buddy's eye was cut in the fifth, the referee ordered it stopped with Clint the winner by a T.K.O.

Stoney Lewis hooked up with B. Willie Morris in a sixer in a tough-fought battle, and Stoney stopped Morris in the fifth with a hard right to the jaw. Jessie Harris won over Leon Kennedy in four, Josh Boone won over Jimmy Jericho in four, and Billy Morris won over Joe Greaves in four.

On November 30, Joe Turner presented a main go showing Ken Stribling and Frankie Willis over the eight round route and Ken was the winner over his favored foe in a well fought affair. Leo Matriciani hooked up with Tommy Jones in a sixer and after a hard fought fight, Leo was declared the winner.

Leon Kennedy and Nick Latsios faced each other in a six and Nick won this one easily to be still undefeated. Clint Conway and Jack Gordon met in a scheduled sixer and Clint belted out Gordon in the first. Charlie Petro and Tuffy Cummings put on a war of their own that had the fans cheering with Charlie, winning a split decision over the ever popular Welsh sailor. Bernie Caddy belted out Dom Bacala in the first of their four-round opener.

Goldie Ahearn holding forth at The Uline Arena, showed Buddy Knox and Buddy Walker in the main go of ten rounds with Walker scoring a kayo in round four. In the first both boys just felt each other out, but in the second, Walker took command hammering Knox with hard rights and lefts to the head. Walker 191, Knox 191½.

In the third Walker was still in command by getting off first and landing telling blows to Knox's midsection and head. In the fourth a hard right floored Knox for the count. The writer has seen Walker in most of his fights in this territory and will say that Walker looked better in this than he has in his last four.

The six round semi saw Earl Lowman win by a T.K.O. over Horace Thompson. Buster Grayson won over Buddy Thomas in a hard-fought battle. Taylor Miller and Lee Walker hooked up again and this time the duke went to Walker. Tuffy Cummings of The Royal Navy repeated his win over Tiger Nelson and in the opener of four rounds Mike Lockovitch won over Buck Jones.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By PVT. TOM EPHREM

WILLIE PEP, featherweight champion of the world, is featured in Sam Butz's next fistic program, another major attraction to Jacksonville. This is a great move on Sam Butz's part, especially that a world's titleholder will perform and in this, mark his first bout in the South. Butz, Sports Editor of the *Florida Times-Union*, gave Jacksonville two first-class boxing shows in the Tommy Tucker-Tommy Gomez scraps, and brought in THE RING Editor, Nat Fleischer, to referee the first bout. Butz deserves every praise accorded him and the honest, straight-forward manner in which he has approached the citizens of his city, finds the local cauliflower colony ready to jump to any presentation he has for them.

Pep not only garnered the coveted crown, but broke many fistic honors as the following:— Pep is the youngest boxer to hold a world's title in 40 years; broke all records at box offices indoors; never lost a decision; never boxed a draw; never won or lost on a foul; never boxed a newspaper decision. All this within a period of 10 months as 10 months ago he fought his first main bout.

Well, folks, Bill Gore did his part as trainer for Willie Pep, and "Lil" Willie nobly responded to the Floridian's tutoring. Before Pep gained national recognition, Gore had been telling the corner that he was training a lad who would stand Hartford high and wide. Gore's prediction came true.

West Palm Beach brings back Al Caroly and Harry Durant to their positions of last season matchmaker and general manager, respectively, for the winter's boxing programs. These fistic folk did well for W.P.B. in their first start, and the American Legion is giving them another term in office. The assistant matchmaker will be Barney Pate, local fight figure, who assisted soldier boxers with their training. Pate formerly managed Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, now under Al Weill, and an outstanding 130 pounder.

Florida's heavyweight bid, Tommy Gomez, now a sergeant in the Army, is anxious to get back in action, writes Frank Matey, sports writer under Sam Butz, Sports Editor of the *Florida Times-Union*. Frank deplores the same "boxing set-up that has been going on in Jacksonville for a number of years, but his editor-boss will change the picture.

Thanks to swell fellow, Joe Poodles, Baltimore fight manager, several soldier pals along with your truly, got to see colored scrapper, Ray Brown, who looks like an excellent prospect.

He shoots a snappy left hand with deadly accuracy and the lanky boy is a general all-round ring-wise fighter. He is another Ray Robinson in the making.

There is a Southern youngster who hopes to do well in Northern rings. He comes from New Orleans and his name is Irish Benny Lynch, former Golden Glover Champ of Dixie.

A middleweight rising Southerner, is a Greek boy who is hitting high among the money ranks. His name is Nick Latsios, of Alexandria, Virginia.

At Miami Beach, Nov. 19th, Irwin Kaye, lad of Los Angeles, forced a halt to the winning streak of Dick Donahue, 161, Philadelphia, when the Californian decisioned the nice stepping Philly boy in a 4 rounder, the main bout of a weekly air fan boxing program.

Back again in action and right on the winning side, Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, Florida's 130-pound bid for world honors, took a 10 rounder away from Vince Dell 'Orto in Philadelphia.

Stephen A. Sambrailo, of Watsonville, California, is the first to send for Father Bonaventure Fitzgerald's second edition of "Reverse Your Field." Stephen also asked for the first edition of the Father's book, writes Pete Montesi, who is helping with the sales.

A couple of amateur boxers from up Canada way, seem to be good timber for future pro heights way. Incidentally the boys are being handled under Jim Johnston, RING writer from Vancouver. The prospects are Jack Preston, 126 pounder, and Jackie Mellor, 112 pounds. Both are being entered in the Vancouver Golden Gloves Tourney. Preston is 16 years old, has had 16 amateur bouts, and is undefeated. Has a good height of 5 ft. 8½ in. Mellor is also 16 years of age, and much is expected of this little flyweight.

Don't forget Jake Rachliffe's newsstand in Jacksonville for THE RING—at Forsyth and Hogan Streets.

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